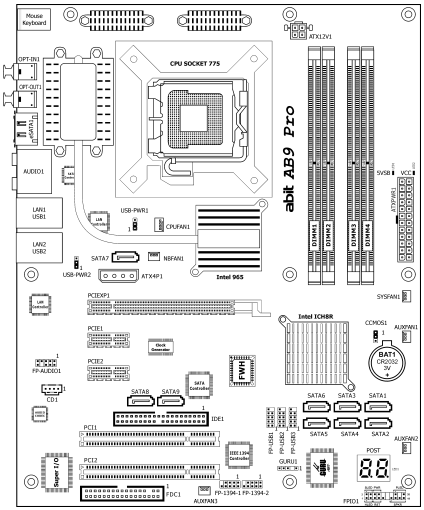
# AB9 Pro/AB9

## Motherboard
## Socket 775

***Intel Core 2 Duo***
***Intel Pentium 4***
***Intel Pentium D***

# User's Manual




- ❑ **LGA775 ATX Motherboard**
- ❑ **Intel 965 / ICH8R** (AB9 Pro)
- ❑ **1066MHz FSB**
- ❑ **Dual DDR2 800**
- ❑ **Dual GbE LAN** (AB9 Pro)
- ❑ **IEEE 1394**
- ❑ **10x SATA 3Gb/s** (AB9 Pro)
- ❑ **HD 7.1**
- ❑ **Silent OTES™ Technology**
- ❑ **uGuru™ Technology**

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This user's manual contains all the information you may need for setting up this motherboard. To read the user's manual of PDF format (readable by Adobe Reader), place the "Driver & Utility CD" into the CD-ROM drive in your system. The auto-run screen will appear, click the "Manual" tab to enter its submenu. If not, browse the root directory of the CD-ROM via the File Manager, and double click the "AUTORUN" file.

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Features & Specifications

### CPU

- Support Intel® Core 2 Duo, Pentium® 4, & Pentium® D processor with 1066/800/533MHz FSB

### Chipset

- Intel P965 / ICH8R ***(AB9 Pro)***
- Intel P965 / ICH8 ***(AB9)***

### Memory

- 4x 240-pin DIMM slots
- Supports Dual Channel DDR2 800/667/533 Un-buffered Non-ECC memory
- Supports maximum memory capacity up to 8GB

### LAN

- Onboard dual PCI-E Gigabit LAN controller supports 10/100/1000M Ethernet ***(AB9 Pro)***
- Onboard 10/100/1000M PCI controller ***(AB9)***

### IEEE 1394

- Supports 2 Ports IEEE 1394 at 400Mb/s transfer rate

### Audio

- Onboard 7.1 CH HD Audio CODEC
- Supports auto jack sensing and optical S/PDIF In/Out

### Expansion Slots

- 1x PCI-E X16 slot
- 2x PCI-E X1 slots
- 2x PCI slots

### Internal I/O Connectors

- 1x Floppy port
- 1x UDMA 100/66/33 IDE connector
- 9x SATA connectors ***(AB9 Pro)***
- 6x SATA connectors ***(AB9)***
- 3x USB 2.0 headers
- 2x IEEE1394 headers
- 1x FP-Audio header
- 1x CD-In connector

### Rear Panel I/O

- 1x PS/2 Keyboard connector
- 1x PS/2 Mouse connector
- ABIT Silent OTES™
- 1x OPT-IN1 connector
- 1x OPT-OUT1 connector
- 1x eSATA1 connector ***(AB9 Pro)***
- 1x Audio Connector (Surround-Left / Surround-Right, Rear-Left / Rear-Right, Center/Subwoofer, Mic-In, Line-In, Line-Out)
- 4x USB 2.0 connectors
- 2x RJ-45 Gigabit LAN connectors ***(AB9 Pro)***
- 1x RJ-45 Gigabit LAN connector ***(AB9)***

### Serial ATA

- 6x SATA 3Gb/s offered by Intel ICH8R supports Intel Matrix Storage Tech (AHCI & RAID 0/1/5/10) ***(AB9 Pro)***
- 4x SATA 3Gb/s offered by Intel ICH8 ***(AB9)***
- 2x SATA 3Gb/s offered by JMicron JMB363 supports up to 0, 1, JBOD RAID function
- 2x SATA 3Gb/s offered by Silicon Image 3132 ***(AB9 Pro)***

### ABIT Engineered

- ABIT SoftMenu™ Technology
- ABIT uGuru™ Technology
- ABIT Silent OTES™ Technology

### RoHS Compliancy

- 100% Lead-free process and RoHS compliancy

### Miscellaneous

- ATX form factor (305mm x 245mm)

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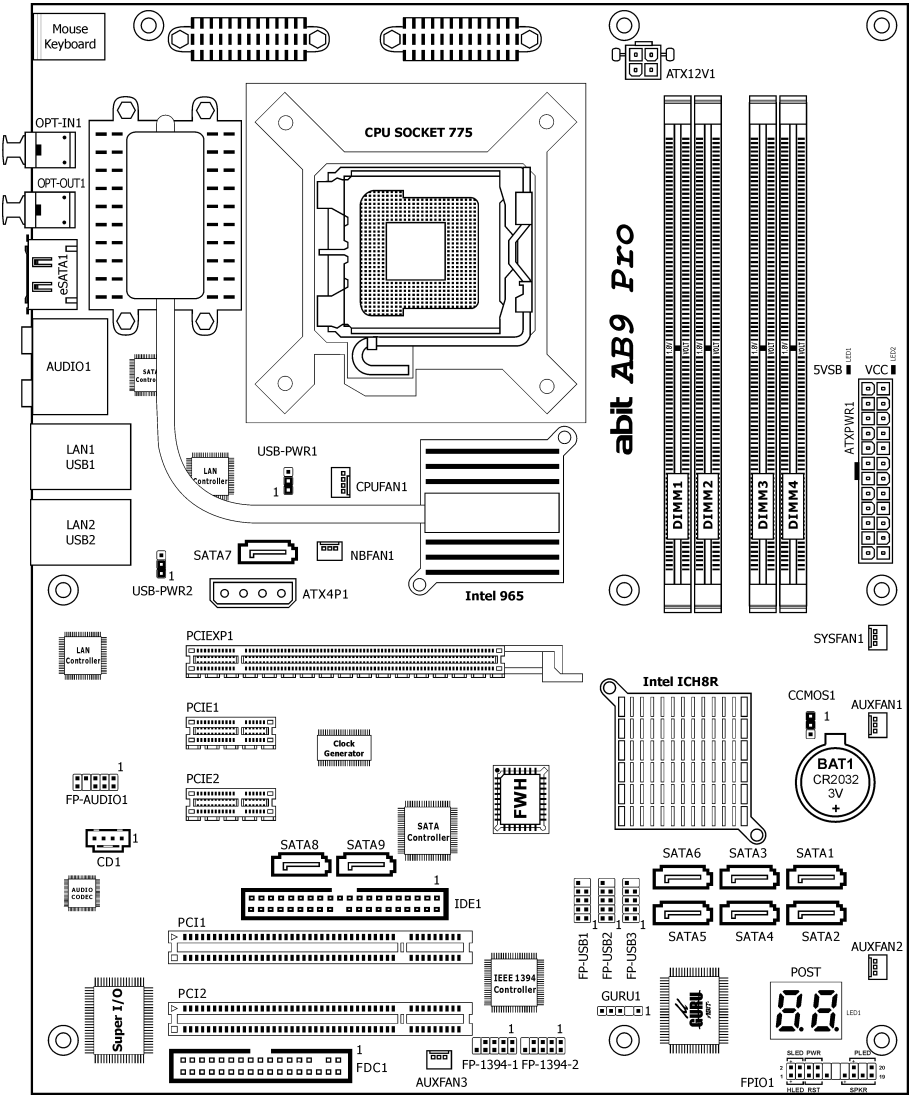
# 1.2 Motherboard Layout

## 1.2.1 AB9 Pro



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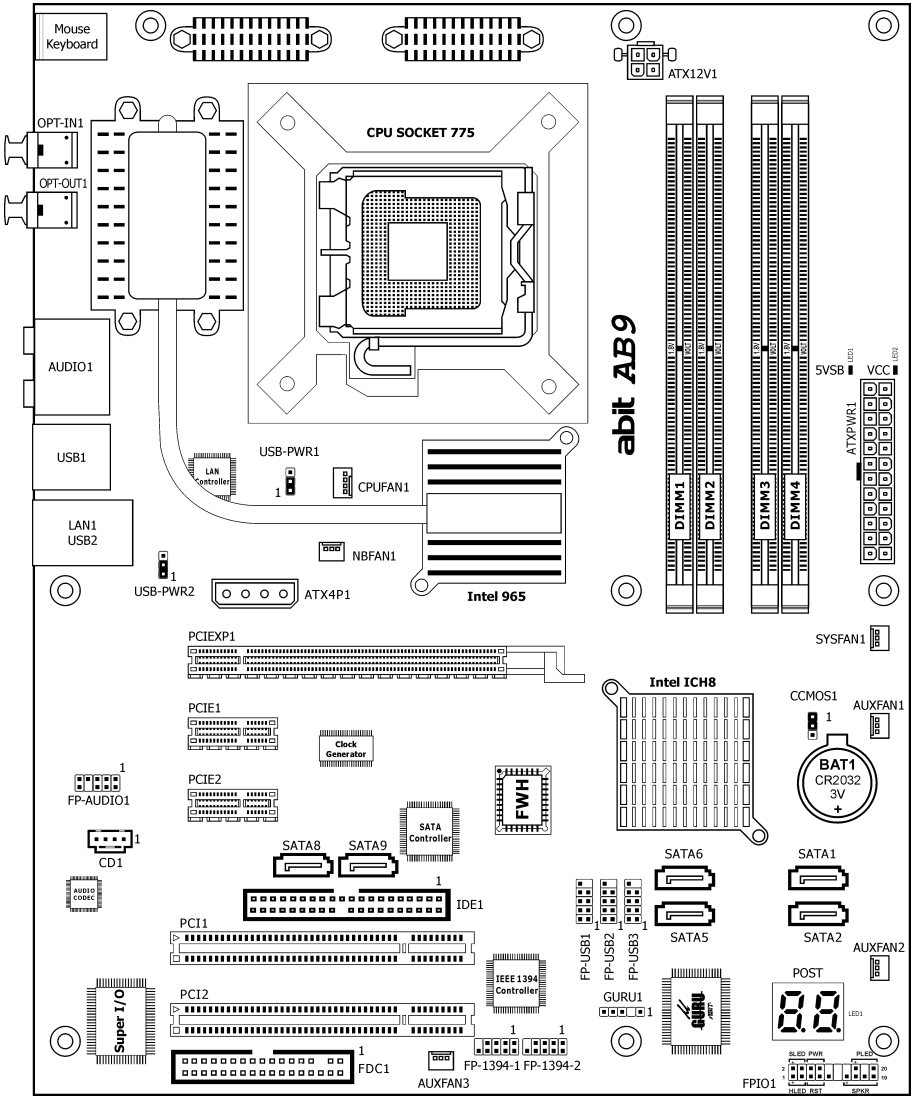
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CPU SOCKET 775
abit AB9
AUDIO1
USB1
LAN1
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LAN
Controller
USB-PWR1
CPUFAN1
NBFAN1
USB-PWR2
ATX4P1
Intel 965
DIMM1
DIMM2
DIMM3
DIMM4
5VSB
VCC
ATXPWR1
PCIEXP1
SYSFAN1
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CCMOS1
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BAT1
CR2032
3V
PCIE1
Clock
Generator
PCIE2
FWH
FP-AUDIO1
CD1
SATA8
SATA9
SATA
Controller
IDE1
AUDIO
CODEC
SATA6
SATA1
SATA5
SATA2
FP-USB1
FP-USB2
FP-USB3
AUXFAN2
PCI1
IEEE 1394
Controller
POST
GURU1
PCI2
Super I/O
FDC1
FP-1394-1
FP-1394-2
AUXFAN3
FPIO1
SLED PWR
PLED
HLED RST
SPKR

# 2. Hardware Setup

In this chapter we will elaborate all the information you need upon installing this motherboard to your computer system.

※ **Always power off the computer and unplug the AC power cord before adding or removing any peripheral or component. Failing to so may cause severe damage to your motherboard and/or peripherals. Plug in the AC power cord only after you have carefully checked everything.**

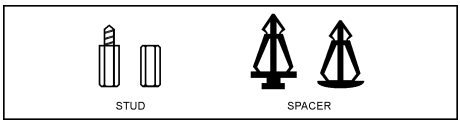


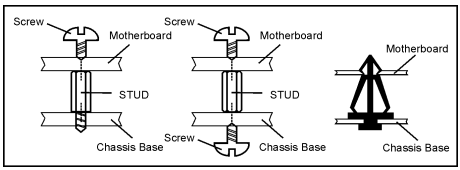
## 2.1 Choosing a Computer Chassis

- This motherboard carries an ATX form factor of 305 x 245 mm. Choose a chassis big enough to install this motherboard.
- As some features for this motherboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the motherboard to indicators and switches or buttons on the chassis, make sure your chassis supports all the features required.
- If there is possibility of adopting some more hard drives, make sure your chassis has sufficient power and space for them.
- Most chassis have alternatives for I/O shield located at the rear panel. Make sure the I/O shield of the chassis matches the I/O port configuration of this motherboard. You can find an I/O shield specifically designed for this motherboard in its package.

## 2.2 Installing Motherboard

Most computer chassis have a base with many mounting holes to allow the motherboard to be securely attached, and at the same time, prevent the system from short circuits. There are two ways to attach the motherboard to the chassis base:



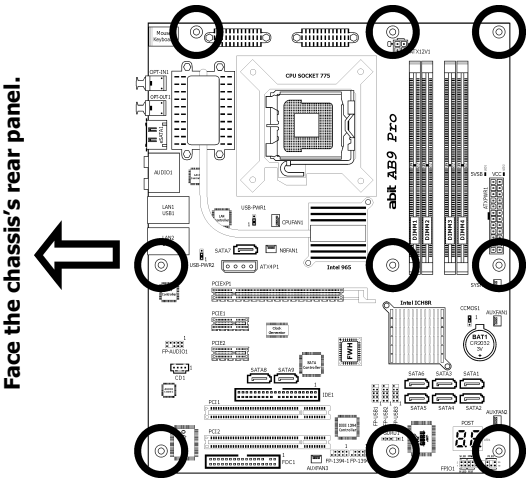




1. With studs,
2. Or with spacers

In principle, the best way to attach the board is with use studs. Only if you are unable to do this should you attach the board with spacers. Line up the holes on the board with the mounting holes on the chassis. If the holes line up and there are screw holes, you can attach the board with studs. If the holes line up and there are only slots, you can only attach with spacers. Take the tip of the spacers and insert them into the slots. After doing this to all the slots, you can slide the board into position aligned with slots. After the board has been positioned, check to make sure everything is OK before putting the chassis back on.

**To install this motherboard:**

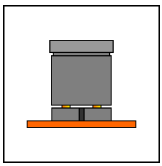
1. Locate all the screw holes on the motherboard and the chassis base.
2. Place all the studs or spacers needed on the chassis base and have them tightened.
3. Face the motherboard's I/O ports toward the chassis's rear panel.
4. Line up all the motherboard's screw holes with those studs or spacers on the chassis.
5. Install the motherboard with screws and have them tightened.




※ **To prevent shorting the PCB circuit, please REMOVE the metal studs or spacers if they are already fastened on the chassis base and are without mounting-holes on the motherboard to align with.**

## 2.3 Checking Jumper Settings

For a 2-pin jumper, plug the jumper cap on both pins will make it CLOSE (SHORT). Remove the jumper cap, or plug it on either pin (reserved for future use) will leave it at OPEN position.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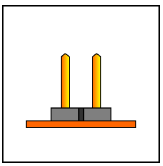
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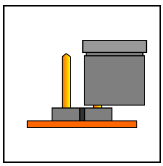
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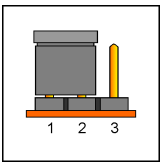
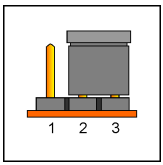
For 3-pin jumper, pin 1~2 or pin 2~3 can be shorted by plugging the jumper cap in.



Pin 1~2 SHORT



Pin 2~3 SHORT

## 2.3.1 CMOS Memory Clearing Header and Backup Battery

The time to clear the CMOS memory occurs when (a) the CMOS data becomes corrupted, (b) you forgot the supervisor or user password preset in the BIOS menu, (c) you are unable to boot-up the system because the CPU ratio/clock was incorrectly set in the BIOS menu.

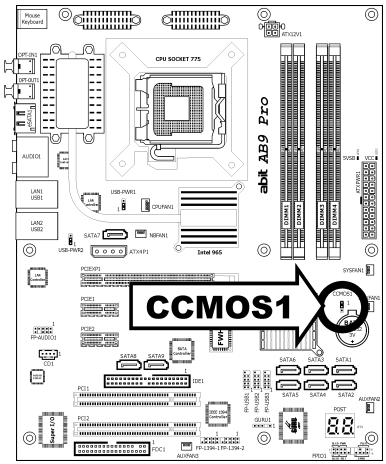
This header uses a jumper cap to clear the CMOS memory and have it reconfigured to the default values stored in BIOS.

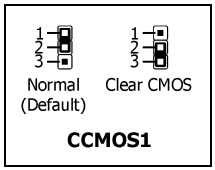
- **Pins 1 and 2 shorted (Default):** Normal operation.
- **Pins 2 and 3 shorted:** Clear CMOS memory.



**To clear the CMOS memory and load in the default values:**

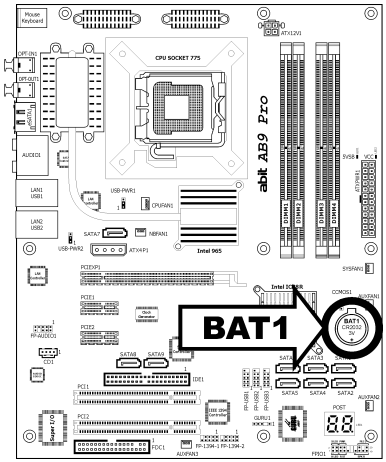
1. Power off the system.
2. Set pin 2 and pin 3 shorted by the jumper cap. Wait for a few seconds. Set the jumper cap back to its default settings --- pin 1 and pin 2 shorted.
3. Power on the system.
4. For incorrect CPU ratio/clock settings in the BIOS, press <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup menu right after powering on system.
5. Set the CPU operating speed back to its default or an appropriate value.
6. Save and exit the BIOS setup menu.



**CMOS Backup Battery:**

An onboard battery saves the CMOS memory to keep the BIOS information stays on even after disconnected your system with power source. Nevertheless, this backup battery exhausts after some five years. Once the error message like "**CMOS BATTERY HAS FAILED**" or "**CMOS checksum error**" displays on monitor, this backup battery is no longer functional and has to be renewed.



**To renew the backup battery:**

1. Power off the system and disconnect with AC power source.
2. Remove the exhausted battery.
3. Insert a new CR2032 or equivalent battery. Pay attention to its polarity. The "+" side is its positive polarity.
4. Connect AC power source and power on the system.
5. Enter the BIOS setup menu. Reconfigure the setup parameters if necessary.

**CAUTION:**

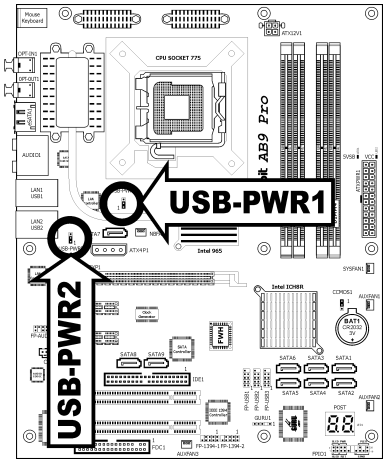
- ※ **Danger of explosion may arise if the battery is incorrectly renewed.**
- ※ **Renew only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the battery manufacturer.**
- ※ **Dispose of used batteries according to the battery manufacturer's instructions.**

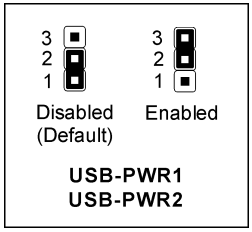
## 2.3.2 Wake-up Header

These headers use a jumper cap to enable/disable the wake-up function.

- **USB-PWR1:**
  Pin 1-2 shorted (Default): Disable wake-up function support at USB1 port.
  Pin 2-3 shorted: Enable wake-up function support at USB1 port.

- **USB-PWR2:**
  Pin 1-2 shorted (Default): Disable wake-up function support at USB2 port.
  Pin 2-3 shorted: Enable wake-up function support at USB2 port

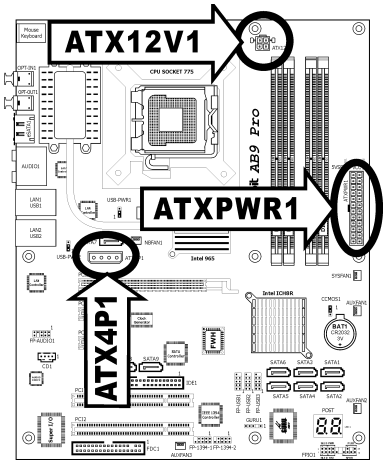


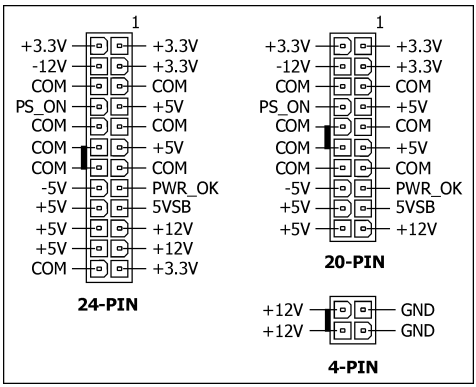



# 2.4 Connecting Chassis Components

## 2.4.1 ATX Power Connectors

These connectors provide the connection from an ATX power supply. As the plugs from the power supply fit in only one orientation, find the correct one and push firmly down into these connectors.



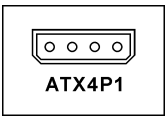

**ATX 24-Pin Power Connector:**

The power supply with 20-pin or 24-pin cables can both be connected to this 24-pin connector. Connect from pin-1 for either type. However, a 20-pin power supply may cause the system unstable or even unbootable for the sake of insufficient electricity. A minimum power of 300W or higher is recommended.

**ATX 12V 4-Pin Power Connector:**

This connector supplies power to CPU. The system will not start without connecting power to this one.

**Auxiliary 12V Power Connector:**



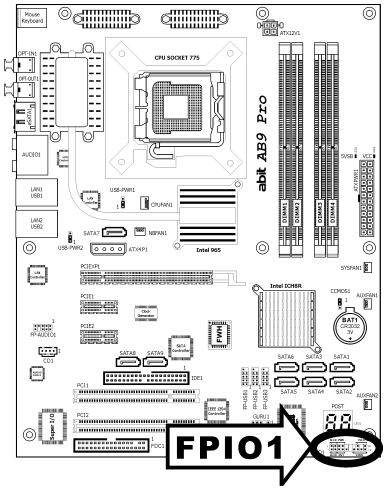

This connector provides an auxiliary power source for devices added on PCI Express slots.

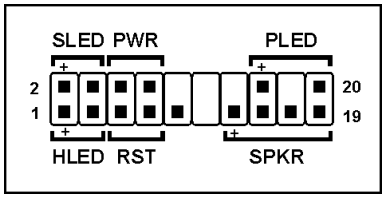
## 2.4.2 Front Panel Switches & Indicators Headers

This header is used for connecting switches and LED indicators on the chassis front panel.

Watch the power LED pin position and orientation. The mark "+" align to the pin in the figure below stands for positive polarity for the LED connection. Please pay attention when connecting these headers. A wrong orientation will only cause the LED not lighting, but a wrong connection of the switches could cause system malfunction.





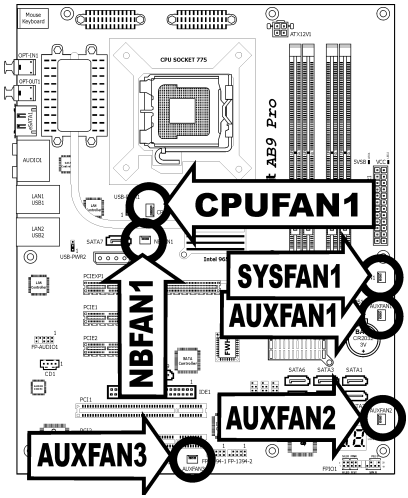

- **HLED (Pin 1, 3):**
  Connects to the HDD LED cable of chassis front panel.
- **RST (Pin 5, 7):**
  Connects to the Reset Switch cable of chassis front panel.
- **SPKR (Pin 13, 15, 17, 19):**
  Connects to the System Speaker cable of chassis.
- **SLED (Pin 2, 4):**
  Connects to the Suspend LED cable (if there is one) of chassis front panel.
- **PWR (Pin 6, 8):**
  Connects to the Power Switch cable of chassis front panel.
- **PLED (Pin 16, 18, 20):**
  Connects to the Power LED cable of chassis front panel.

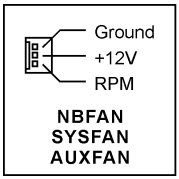
## 2.4.3 FAN Power Connectors

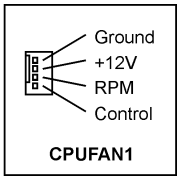
These connectors each provide power to the cooling fans installed in your system.

- **CPUFAN1:** CPU Fan Power Connector
- **NBFAN1:** Chipset Fan Power Connector
- **SYSFAN1:** System Fan Power Connector
- **AUXFAN1~3:** Auxiliary Fan Power Connector

※ **These fan connectors are not jumpers. DO NOT place jumper caps on these connectors.**



# 2.5 Installing Hardware

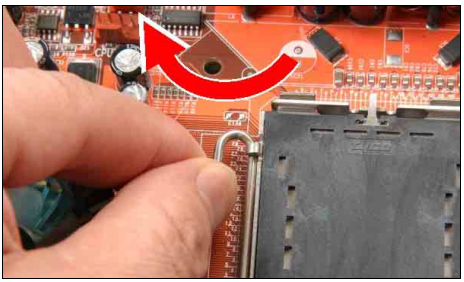
※ **DO NOT scratch the motherboard when installing hardware. An accidentally scratch of a tiny surface-mount component may seriously damage the motherboard.**

※ **In order to protect the contact pins, please pay attention to these notices:**
**1. A maximum 20 cycles of CPU installation is recommended.**
**2. Never touch the contact pins with fingers or any object.**
**3. Always put on the cap when the CPU is not in use.**

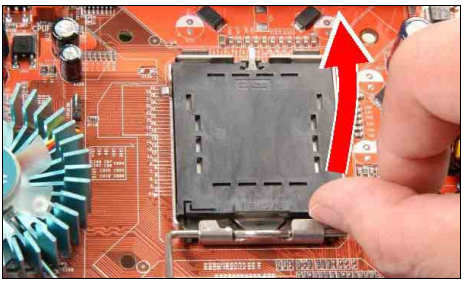


## 2.5.1 CPU Socket 775

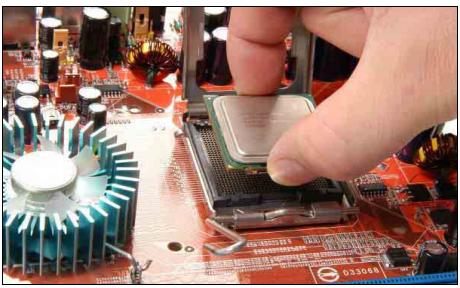
1. Place the board so as to let the lever-hook of the socket is on your left side. Use your left thumb and forefinger to hold the lever hook, pull it away from the retention tab. Rotate the lever to fully open position.



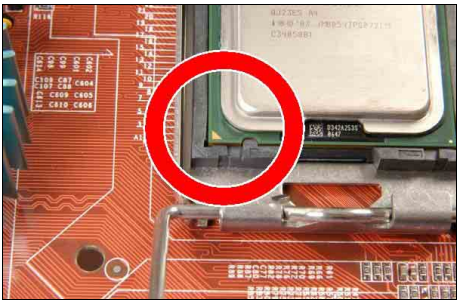
2. Use your right thumb on the bottom-right side of the load plate and lift it up to fully open position.



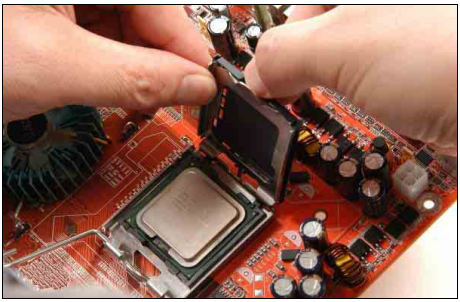
3. Use your right thumb and forefinger to grasp the CPU package. Be sure to grasp on the edge of the substrate, and face the Pin-1 indicator toward the bottom-left side. Aim at the socket and place the CPU package vertical down into the socket.



4. Visually inspect if the CPU is seated well into the socket. The alignment key must be located in the notch of package.



5. Use your left hand to hold the load plate, and use your right thumb to peel the cap off.

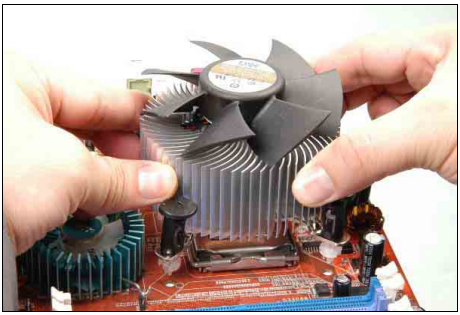


※ **The cap plays an important role in protecting contact pins. In order to prevent bent pin, PUT ON the cap after operation or testing.**

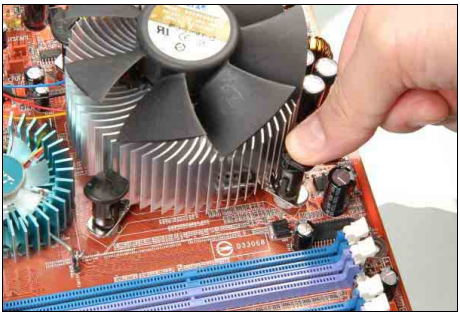
6. Lower the plate onto the CPU package. Engage the load lever while gently pressing down the load plate.

7. Secure the lever with the hook under retention tab.

8. Place the heatsink and fan assembly onto the socket. Align the four fasteners toward the four mounting holes on the motherboard.



9. Press each of the four fasteners down into the mounting holes. Rotate the fastener clock-wise to lock the heatsink and fan assembly into position.



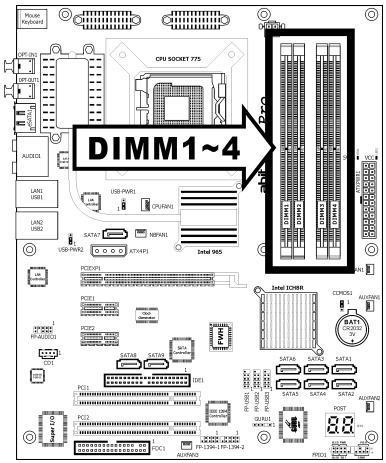
10. Attach the four-pin power plug from the heatsink and fan assembly to the CPU FAN connector.

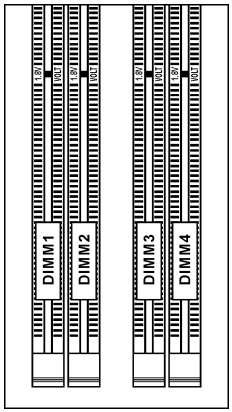
※ **The installation procedures vary with different types of CPU fan-and-heatsink assembly. The one shown here is served for demo only. For detailed information on how to install the one you bought, refer to its installation guidelines.**

※ **A higher fan speed will be helpful for better airflow and heat-dissipation. Nevertheless, stay alert to touch any heatsink since the high temperature generated by the working system is still possible.**

## 2.5.2 DDR2 Memory Slots

This motherboard provides four 240-pin DIMM slots for Dual Channel DDR2 800/667/533 memory modules with memory expansion size up to 8GB.




- To reach the optimum performance in dual-channel configurations, install identical DDR2 DIMM pairs for each channel.
- Install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. To reach the optimum compatibility, obtain memory modules from the same vendor.
- Due to chipset resource allocation, the system may detect less than 4GB of system memory in the installation of four 1GB DDR2 memory modules.
- Due to chipset limitation, 128MB DIMM modules or double-sided x16 memory chips are not supported.

※ **Usually there is no hardware or BIOS setup required after adding or removing memory modules, but you will have to clear the CMOS memory first if any memory module related problem occurs.**

There are several methods of different DDR2 configurations depending on how the DIMMs are populated on each system memory channel:

- [**Single Channel**]: only one channel is populated.

| Method | Channel A | | Channel B | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DIMM1 | DIMM2 | DIMM3 | DIMM4 |
| 1 | 512MB | - | - | - |
| 2 | - | 512MB | - | - |
| 3 | - | - | 512MB | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | 512MB |
| 5 | 512MB | 512MB | - | - |
| 6 | - | - | 512MB | 512MB |

- **[Dual Channel Asymmetric]:** both channels are populated, but each channel has a different amount of total memory. (Channel A≠Channel B)

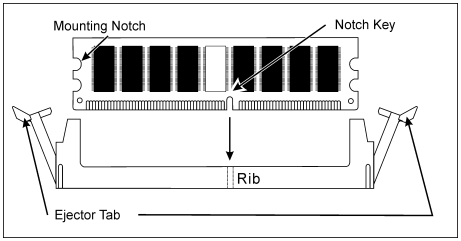
| Method | Channel A | | Channel B | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DIMM1 | DIMM2 | DIMM3 | DIMM4 |
| 1 | 512MB | - | 256MB | - |
| 2 | - | 256MB | - | 512MB |
| 3 | 512MB | - | - | 256MB |
| 4 | - | 256MB | 512MB | - |
| 5 | 256MB | 256MB | 256MB | - |
| 6 | 256MB | 256MB | - | 256MB |
| 7 | 256MB | - | 256MB | 256MB |
| 8 | - | 256MB | 256MB | 256MB |
| 9 | 256MB | 256MB | 512MB | 512MB |
| 10 | 256MB | 256MB | 256MB | 512MB |

- **[Dual Channel Symmetric]:** both channels are populated where each channel has the same amount of total memory. (Channel A=Channel B)

| Method | Channel A | | Channel B | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DIMM1 | DIMM2 | DIMM3 | DIMM4 |
| 1 | 512MB | - | 512MB | - |
| 2 | - | 512MB | - | 512MB |
| 3 | 512MB | - | - | 512MB |
| 4 | - | 512MB | 512MB | - |
| 5 | 256MB | 256MB | 512MB | - |
| 6 | 256MB | 256MB | - | 512MB |
| 7 | 512MB | - | 256MB | 256MB |
| 8 | - | 512MB | 256MB | 256MB |
| 9 | 512MB | 256MB | 512MB | 256MB |
| 10 | 256MB | 512MB | 256MB | 512MB |

**To install system memory:**

1. Power off the computer and unplug the AC power cord before installing or removing memory modules.
2. Locate the DIMM slot on the board.
3. Hold two edges of the DIMM module carefully, keep away from touching its connectors.
4. Align the notch key on the module with the rib on the slot.
5. Firmly press the module into the slots until the ejector tabs at both sides of the slot automatically snap into the mounting notch. Do not force the DIMM module in with extra force as the DIMM module only fits in one direction.

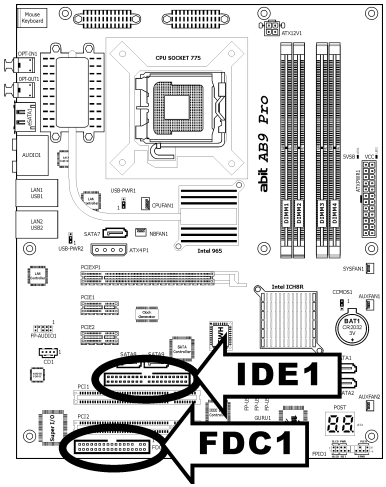


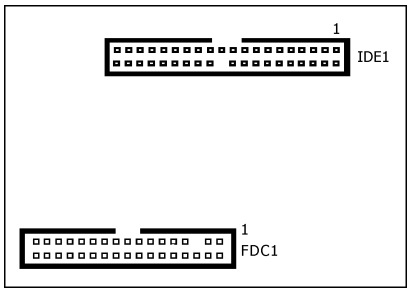

6. To remove the DIMM modules, push the two ejector tabs on the slot outward simultaneously, and then pull out the DIMM module.

※ **Static electricity can damage the electronic components of the computer or optional boards. Before starting these procedures, ensure that you are discharged of static electricity by touching a grounded metal object briefly.**

# 2.6 Connecting Peripheral Devices

## 2.6.1 Floppy and IDE Disk Drive Connectors



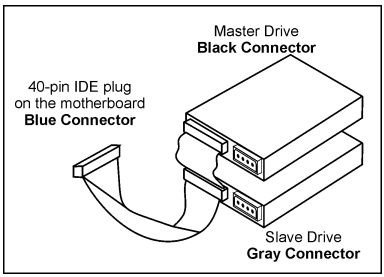




The FDC1 connector connects up to two floppy drives with a 34-wire, 2-connector floppy cable. Connect the single end at the longer length of ribbon cable to the FDC1 on the board, the two connectors on the other end to the floppy disk drives connector. Generally you need only one floppy disk drive in your system.

**※ The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the FDC1 port and the floppy connector.**

Each of the IDE port connects up to two IDE drives at Ultra ATA/100 mode by one 40-pin, 80-conductor, and 3-connector Ultra ATA/66 ribbon cables.

Connect the single end (blue connector) at the longer length of ribbon cable to the IDE port of this board, the other two ends (gray and black connector) at the shorter length of the ribbon cable to the connectors of your hard drives.




**※ Make sure to configure the "Master" and "Slave" relation before connecting two drives by one single ribbon cable. The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the IDE port and the hard-drive connector.**

**※ During the OS installation, you will have to install the third-party driver for devices connected to "SATA8", "SATA9", and "IDE1" connector. Press <F6> key, and then insert its driver disk into floppy disk drive when the screen instruction prompts you to install a third-party SCSI or RAID driver.**

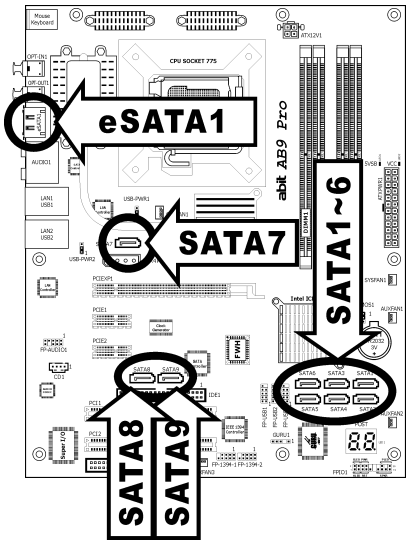
## 2.6.2 Serial ATA Connectors

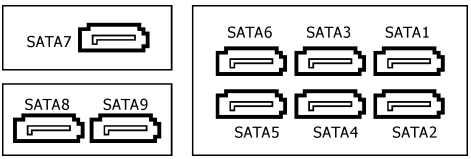
Each SATA connector serves as one single channel to connect one SATA device by SATA cable.

The disk array for RAID configuration is also provided:

- **SATA1~SATA6:** Available for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, or RAID 10 configuration. (Supports up to 4 disks for RAID 0/10/5, or up to 2 disks for RAID 1) *(For model "AB9 Pro")*
- **SATA8~SATA9:** Available for RAID 0, RAID 1, or JBOD configuration.
- **SATA7, eSATA1:** Available for RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration. *(For model "AB9 Pro")*

For more information on how to configure the function mode for SATA, please refer to the item "On-Chip SATA" in the BIOS menu of "On-Chip IDE Device".



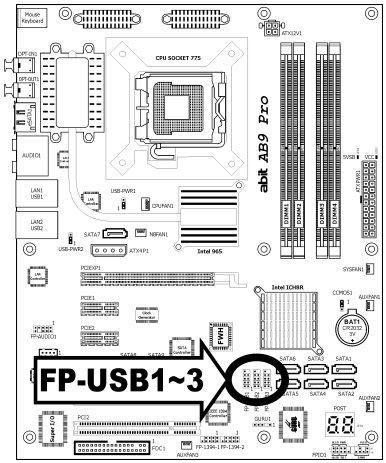



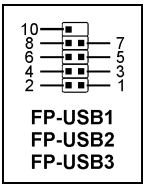

**To connect SATA device:**

1. Attach either end of the signal cable to the SATA connector on motherboard. Attach the other end to SATA device.
2. Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA device and connect the other end from the power supply.

## 2.6.3 Additional USB 2.0 Port Headers

Besides the 4x USB 2.0 ports located at rear I/O part, this motherboard also features 2x more USB 2.0 headers onboard. Each header supports 2x additional USB 2.0 ports by connecting bracket or cable to the rear I/O panel or the front-mounted USB ports of your chassis.



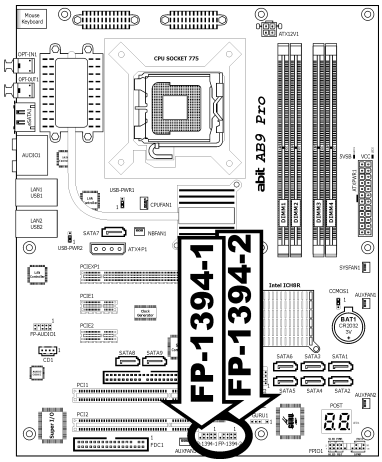



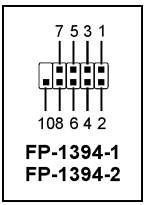

| Pin | Pin Assignment | Pin | Pin Assignment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | VCC | 2 | VCC |
| 3 | Data0 - | 4 | Data1 - |
| 5 | Data0 + | 6 | Data1 + |
| 7 | Ground | 8 | Ground |
| 9 | NC | 10 | NC |

**※ Make sure the connecting cable bears the same pin assignment.**

## 2.6.4 Additional IEEE1394 Port Header

Each header supports 1x additional IEEE1394 port by connecting bracket or cable to the rear I/O panel or the front-mounted IEEE1394 port of your chassis.



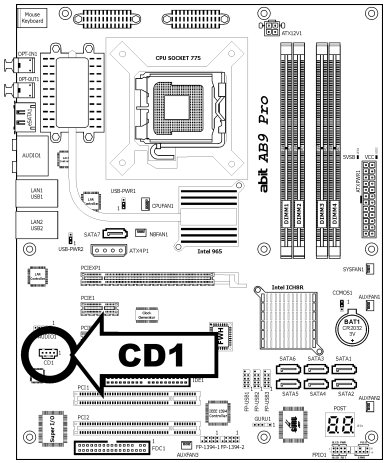



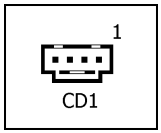

| Pin | Pin Assignment | Pin | Pin Assignment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | TPA0 + | 2 | TPA0 - |
| 3 | Ground | 4 | Ground |
| 5 | TPB0 + | 6 | TPB0 - |
| 7 | +12V | 8 | +12V |
| 9 | NC | 10 | Ground |

**※ Make sure the connecting cable bears the same pin assignment.**

## 2.6.5 Internal Audio Connectors

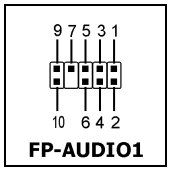
This connector connects to the audio output of internal CD-ROM drive or add-on card.



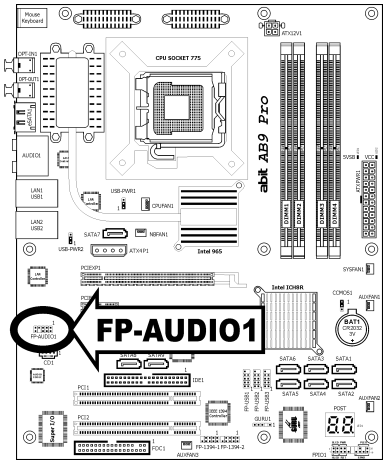




## 2.6.6 Front Panel Audio Connection Header

This header provides the front panel connection for HD (High Definition) Audio, yet for AC'97 Audio CODEC connection, you must carefully check the pin assignment before connecting from the front panel module. An incorrect connection may cause malfunction or even damage the motherboard.




**※ Please do not connect the "Ground" cable or "USB VCC" cable from the front panel module to the Pin 4 "AVCC" of this header.**




| Pin | Pin Assignment (HD AUDIO) |
|---|---|
| 1 | MIC2 L |
| 2 | AGND |
| 3 | MIC2 R |
| **4** | **AVCC** |
| 5 | FRO-R |
| 6 | MIC2_JD |
| 7 | F_IO_SEN |
| 9 | FRO-L |
| 10 | LINE2_JD |

| Pin | Pin Assignment (AC'97 AUDIO) |
|---|---|
| 1 | MIC In |
| 2 | GND |
| 3 | MIC Power |
| 4 | NC |
| 5 | Line Out (R) |
| 6 | NC |
| 7 | NC |
| 9 | Line Out (L) |
| 10 | NC |

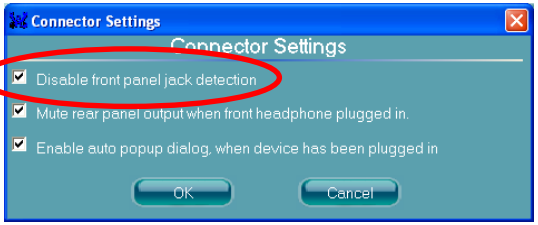
**Driver Configuration for AC'97 audio connection:**

The audio driver is originally configured to support HD Audio. For AC'97 audio connection, you may:

1. Right-click the "Realtek HD Audio Manager" icon in system tray.

2. Click "Audio I/O" tab, and then click "Connector Settings".

3. Click "**Disabled front panel jack detection**", and then click "OK" to confirm.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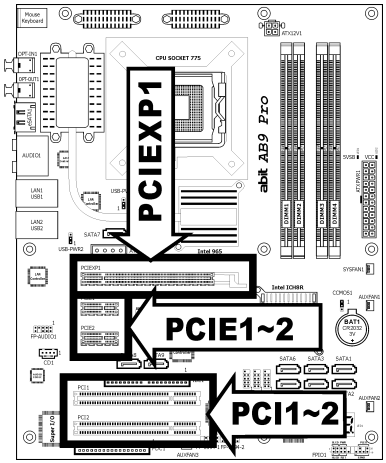
Connector Settings
Disable front panel jack detection
Mute rear panel output when front headphone plugged in.
Enable auto popup dialog, when device has been plugged in
OK
Cancel

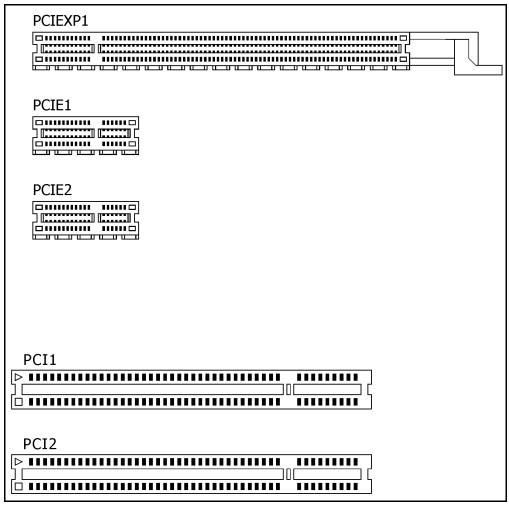
## 2.6.7 PCI and PCI Express X16, X1 Slots

Install PCI Express X16 graphics card into slot "PCIEXP1".

Install PCI Express X1 cards into slots "PCIE1" and/or "PCIE2".

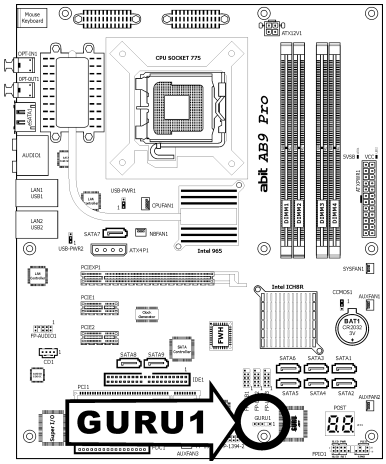
Install PCI cards into slots "PCI1" and/or "PCI2".

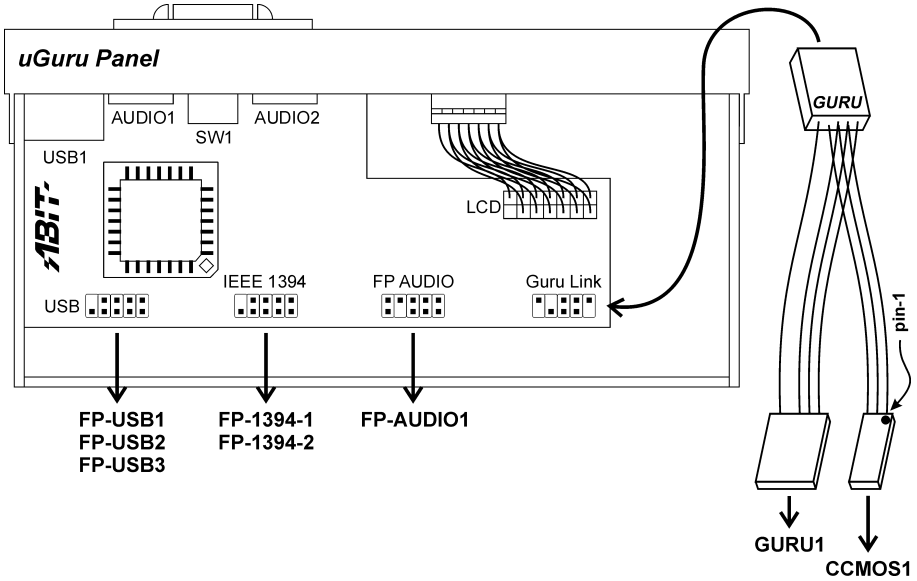


## 2.6.8 GURU Panel Connection Header

This header is reserved for connecting ABIT's exclusive GURU Panel. For more information, please refer to the included GURU Panel Installation Guide.





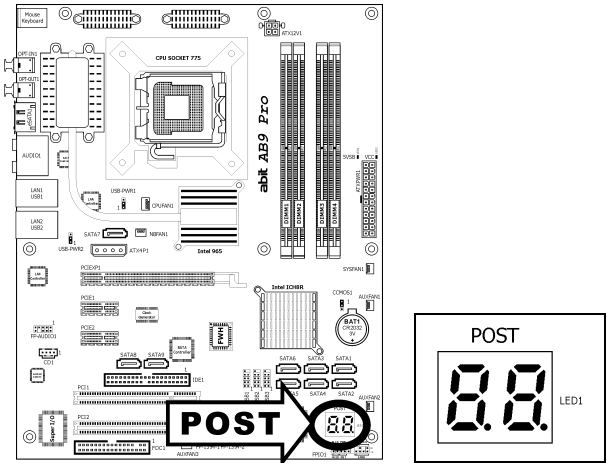
# 2.7 Onboard Status Display

## 2.7.1 POST Code Displayer

This is an LED device to display the "**POST**" Code, the acronym for **P**ower **O**n **S**elf **T**est. The computer will execute the POST action whenever you power on the computer. The POST process is controlled by the BIOS. It is used to detect the status of the computer's main components and peripherals. Each POST Code corresponds to different checkpoints that are also defined by the BIOS in advance. For example, "memory presence test" is an important checkpoint and its POST Code is "C1". When the BIOS execute any POST item, it will write the corresponding POST Code into the address 80h. If the POST passes, the BIOS will process the next POST item and write the next POST Code into the address 80h. If the POST fails, we can check the POST Code in address 80h to find out where the problem lies.

This LED device also displays the "POST" Code of AC2005, an "uGuru" chipset developed exclusively by ABIT computer.

**※ The decimal point lights up during the AC2005 POST action.**

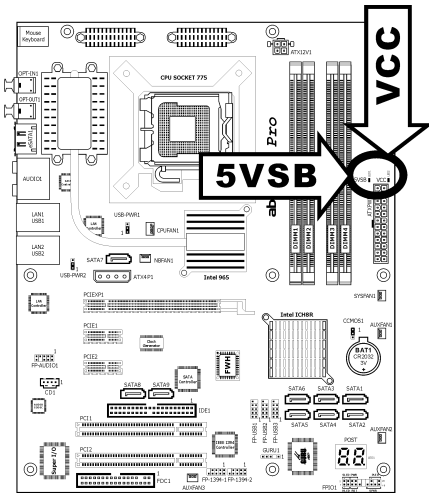


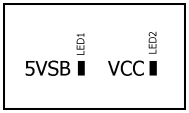

See Appendix for both AWARD and AC2005 POST Code definitions.

## 2.7.2 Power Source Indicators

These indicators work as a reminding device to display the power status of this motherboard with power source connected.

- **5VSB:** This LED lights up when the power supply is connected with power source.
- **VCC:** This LED lights up when the system power is on.

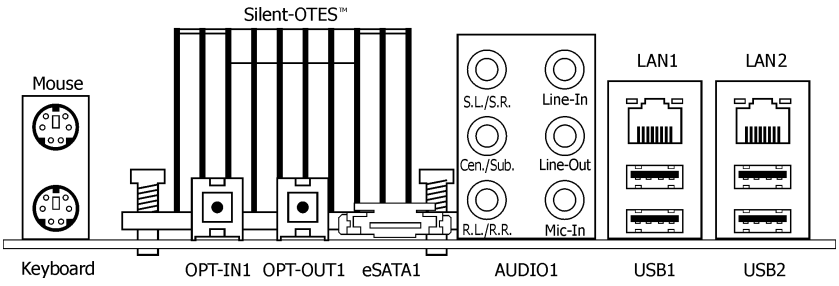


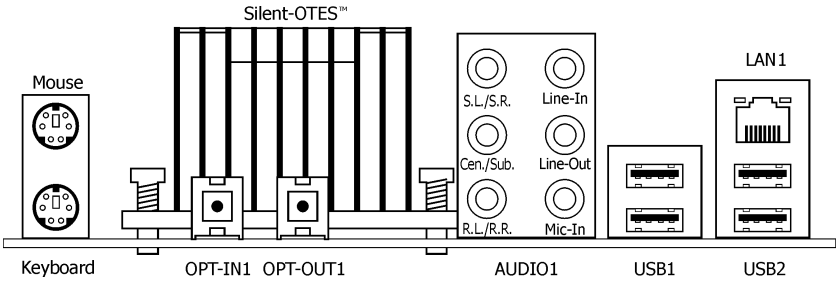
# 2.8 Connecting Rear Panel I/O Devices

The rear I/O part of this motherboard provides the following I/O ports:

**AB9 Pro**




**AB9**




- **Mouse:** Connects to PS/2 mouse.
- **Keyboard:** Connects to PS/2 keyboard.
- **Silent OTES:** The Silent OTES (Silent Outside Thermal Exhaust System) is a device specifically designed to silently cool the motherboard's North Bridge chipset. (Keep the area for outgoing heat wave open.)
- **OPT-IN1:** This connector provides an S/PDIF-In connection through optical fiber to digital multimedia devices.
- **OPT-OUT1:** This connector provides an S/PDIF-Out connection through optical fiber to digital multimedia devices.
- **eSATA1:** This connector supports the external SATA connection. *(For model "AB9 Pro")*

- **AUDIO1:**

  **S.L./S.R. (Surround Left / Surround Right):** Connects to the surround left and surround right channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.

  **Cen./Sub. (Center / Subwoofer):** Connects to the center and subwoofer channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.

  **R.L./R.R. (Rear Left / Rear Right):** Connects to the rear left and rear right channel in the 7.1 channel audio system.

  **Line-In:** Connects to the line out from external audio sources.

  **Line-Out:** Connects to the front left and front right channel in the 7.1-channel or regular 2-channel audio system.

  **Mic-In:** Connects to the plug from external microphone.

- **LAN1:** Connects to Local Area Network.
- **LAN2:** Connects to Local Area Network. *(For model "AB9 Pro")*
- **USB1/USB2:** Connects to USB devices such as scanner, digital speakers, monitor, mouse, keyboard, hub, digital camera, joystick etc.

# 3. BIOS Setup

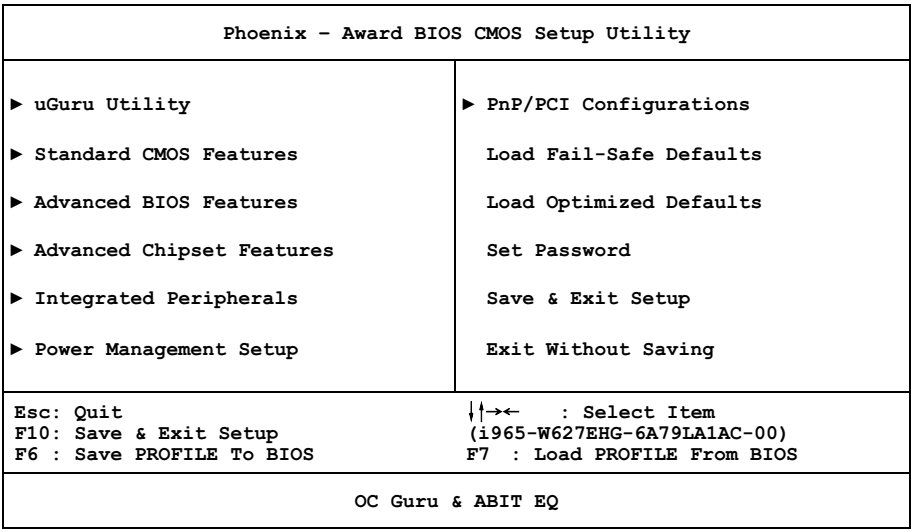
This motherboard provides a programmable EEPROM so that you can update the BIOS utility. The BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) is a program that deals with the basic level of communication between processor and peripherals. Use the BIOS Setup program only when installing motherboard, reconfiguring system, or prompted to "Run Setup". This chapter explains the Setup Utility of BIOS utility.

After powering up the system, the BIOS message appears on the screen, the memory count begins, and then the following message appears on the screen:

**PRESS DEL TO ENTER SETUP**

If this message disappears before you respond, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Del> keys, or by pressing the Reset button on computer chassis. Only when these two methods fair should you restart the system by powering it off and then back on.

After pressing <Del> key, the main menu screen appears.



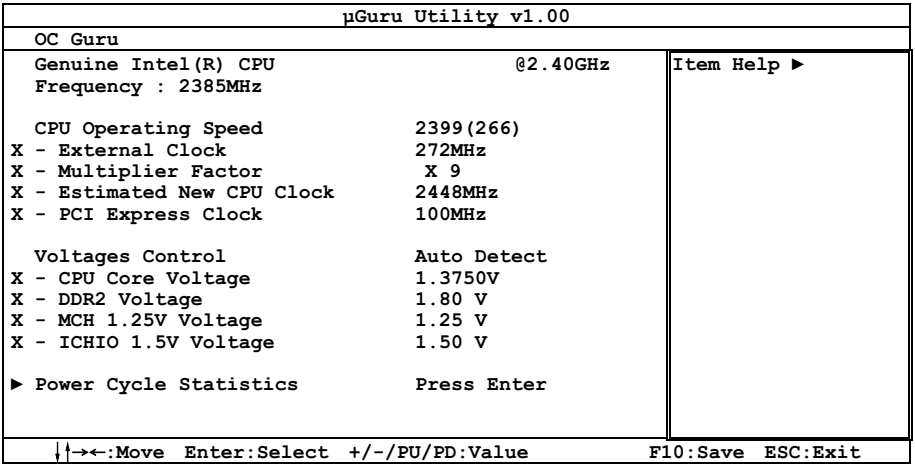



※ **In order to increase system stability and performance, our engineering staff is constantly improving the BIOS menu. The BIOS setup screens and descriptions illustrated in this manual are for your reference only, and may not completely match with what you see on your screen.**

# 3.1 µGuru™ Utility

There are two setup menus in this µGuru utility. You may switch between these two by clicking the left or right arrow key on keyboard:

## 3.1.1 OC Guru


µGuru Utility v1.00
OC Guru
Genuine Intel(R) CPU @2.40GHz
Frequency : 2385MHz
CPU Operating Speed 2399(266)
X - External Clock 272MHz
X - Multiplier Factor X 9
X - Estimated New CPU Clock 2448MHz
X - PCI Express Clock 100MHz
Voltages Control Auto Detect
X - CPU Core Voltage 1.3750V
X - DDR2 Voltage 1.80 V
X - MCH 1.25V Voltage 1.25 V
X - ICHIO 1.5V Voltage 1.50 V
► Power Cycle Statistics Press Enter
Item Help ►
↓↑→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit

**Genuine Intel(R) CPU**

This item displays the CPU speed.

**Frequency**

This item displays the processor speed of the CPU installed on this motherboard.

**CPU Operating Speed**

This item displays the CPU operating speed according to the type and speed of your CPU. You can also select the [User Define] option to enter the manual option.

**User Define:**

- ※ **The wrong settings of the multiplier and external clock in certain circumstances may cause CPU damage. Setting the working frequency higher than the PCI chipset or processor specs, may cause abnormal memory module functioning, system hangs, hard disk drive data lose, abnormal functioning of the VGA card, or abnormal functioning with other add-on cards. Using non-specification settings for your CPU is not the intention of this explanation. These should be used for engineering testing, not for normal applications.**
- ※ **There will be no guaranty for the settings beyond specification. Any damage of any component on this motherboard or peripherals resulting therein is not our responsibility.**

- **External Clock**

This item selects the external clock frequency. Due to the specification limit of the CPU you installed, the speed you set over its standard bus speed is supported, but not guaranteed.

- **Multiplier Factor**

This item displays the multiplier factor for the CPU you installed.

- **Estimated New CPU Clock**

This item displays an estimated CPU processor speed.

- **PCI Express Clock**

This item selects the clock frequency for PCI Express slot.

**Voltages Control**

This option allows you to switch between the default and user-defined voltages. Leave this setting at default unless the current voltage setting cannot be detected or is not correct. The option "**User Define**" enables you to select the following voltages manually.

- **CPU Core Voltage**
- **DDR2 Voltage**
- **MCH 1.25V Voltage**
- **ICHIO 1.5V Voltage**

**Power Cycle Statistics**

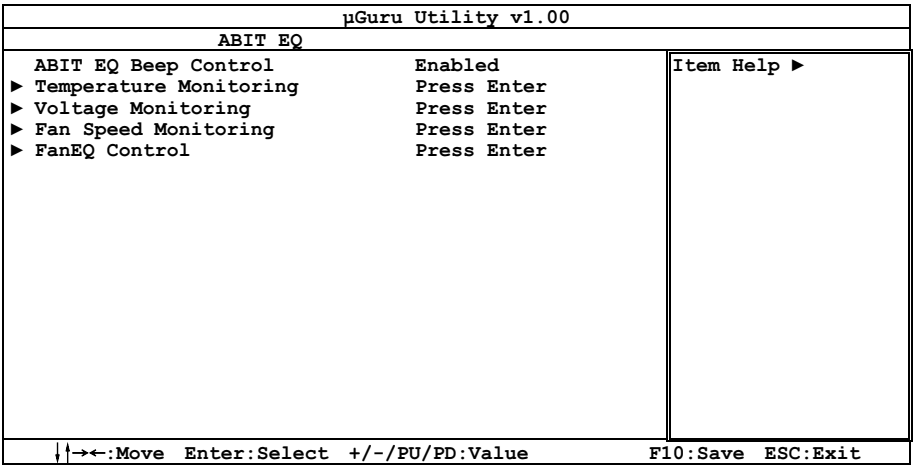
Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

```
                        µGuru Utility v1.00
  OC Guru
  Power Cycle Statistics
  PC Up Time                          0 Hours      Item Help ▶▶
  PC Up Time Total                  119 Hours
  PC Power Cycles                   538 Cycles
  PC Reset Button Cycles            123 Cycles
  AC Power On Total Time            288 Hours
  AC Power Cycles                   228 Cycles
    ↑↓→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/PU/PD:Value      F10:Save  ESC:Exit
```

These items display the power cycle statistics for each element.

## 3.1.2 ABIT EQ

Click right-arrow <→> key to switch from OC Guru setup menu to ABIT EQ setup menu:

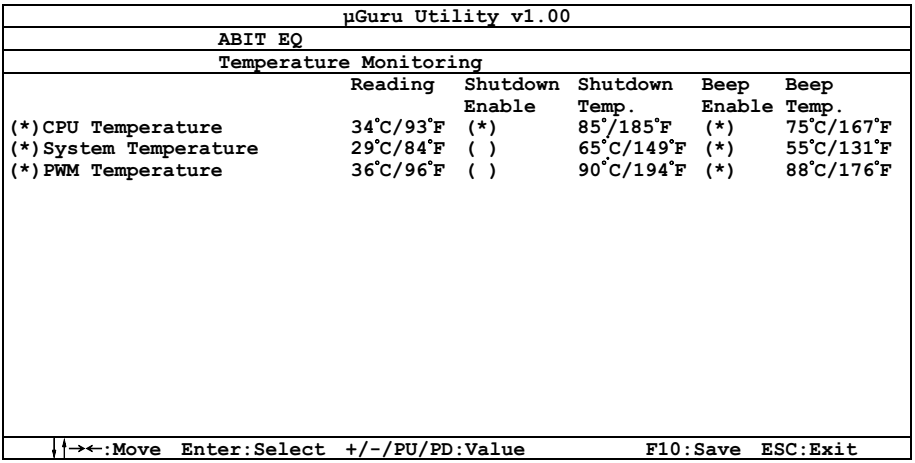



**ABIT EQ Beep Control**

This item allows you to enable or disable ABIT EQ Beep Control function.

### ↳ Temperature Monitoring

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



**CPU Temperature/System Temperature/PWM Temperature**

These items display the temperature of CPU, System, and Power Module.

**- Shutdown Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. If the CPU/System/PWM's temperature exceeds the shutdown temperature limit, the system will shutdown automatically.

**- Shutdown Temp.**

This items sets the temperature that will shutdown the system automatically in order to prevent system overheating.

**- Beep Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. Once the system has detected that the CPU/System/PWM's temperature exceeded the beep temperature limit, warning beeps will sound.

**- Beep Temp.**

This item selects the warning temperature limit.

**※ The shutdown temperature must be set above the warning temperature.**

## ↳ Voltage Monitoring

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

```
                        µGuru Utility v1.00
                  ABIT EQ
                  Voltage Monitoring
                                Reading   Shutdown  Beep    High     Low
                                          Enable    Enable  Limit    Limit
(*)CPU Core Voltage              1.27 V (*)       (*)      1.65 V   0.00 V
(*)DDR2 Voltage                  1.80 V ( )       (*)      2.15 V   1.45 V
(*)DDR2 VTT Voltage              0.89 V ( )       (*)      1.05 V   0.70 V
(*)CPU VTT 1.2V Voltage          1.20 V ( )       (*)      1.45 V   0.95 V
(*)MCH 1.25V Voltage             1.25 V ( )       (*)      1.50 V   1.00 V
(*)ICHIO 1.5V Voltage            1.50 V ( )       (*)      1.80 V   1.20 V
(*)ICH 1.05V Voltage             1.05 V ( )       (*)      1.25 V   0.85 V
(*)ATX +12V (24-Pin Connector)  12.00 V ( )       (*)     14.40 V   9.60 V
(*)ATX +12V (4-Pin Connector)   12.00 V ( )       (*)     14.40 V   9.60 V
(*)ATX +5V                       5.00 V ( )       (*)      6.00 V   4.00 V
(*)ATX +3.3V                     3.30 V ( )       (*)      3.95 V   2.65 V
(*)ATX 5VSB                      5.00 V ( )       (*)      6.00 V   4.00 V


    ↑↓→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/PU/PD:Value          F10:Save  ESC:Exit
```

**All Voltages**

These items display the voltage of each element.

- **Shutdown Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. If the voltage of corresponding element is higher/lower than the high/low limit, the system will automatically shutdown.

- **Beep Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. If the voltage of corresponding element is higher/lower than the high/low limit, warning beeps will sound.

- **High/Low Limit**

These items set the high and low voltage limit.

※ **The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.**

## ↳ Fan Speed Monitoring

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

```
                        µGuru Utility v1.00
                  ABIT EQ
                  Fan Speed Monitoring
                                  Reading    Shutdown   Beep      Low
                                             Enable     Enable    Limit
(*)CPU FAN Speed                  7440 RPM   (*)        (*)        300 RPM
( )NB FAN Speed                   N/A        ( )        ( )        300 RPM
( )SYS FAN Speed                  N/A        ( )        ( )        300 RPM
( )AUX1 FAN Speed                 N/A        ( )        ( )        300 RPM
( )AUX2 FAN Speed                 N/A        ( )        ( )        300 RPM
( )AUX3 FAN Speed                 N/A        ( )        ( )        300 RPM

    ↓↑→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/PU/PD:Value          F10:Save  ESC:Exit
```

**CPU/NB/SYS/AUX1~3 FAN Speed**

These items display the speed of the fans connected to CPU, NB, SYS, and AUX1~3 FAN headers.

- **Shutdown Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable system shutdown function. Once the system has detected that the fan speed is lower than the low limit value, system will shutdown automatically.

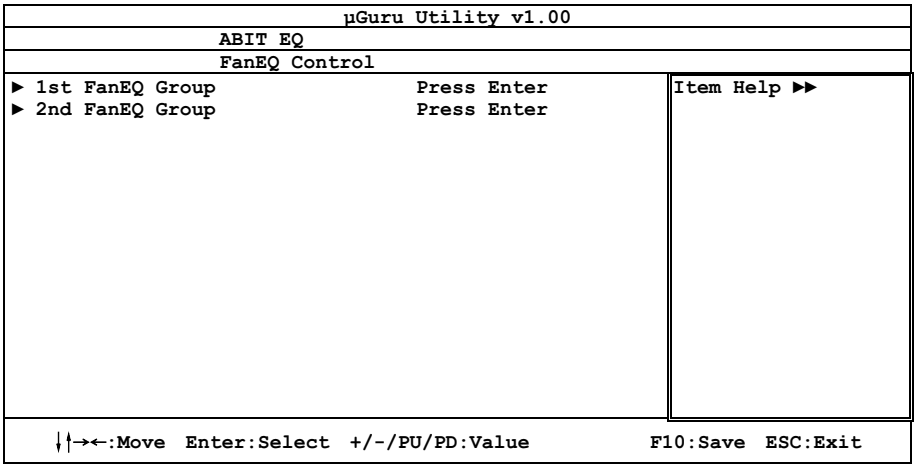
- **Beep Enable**

Use <Space> key to enable warning beeps function. If the fan speed is lower than the low limit value, warning beeps will sound.

- **Low Limit**

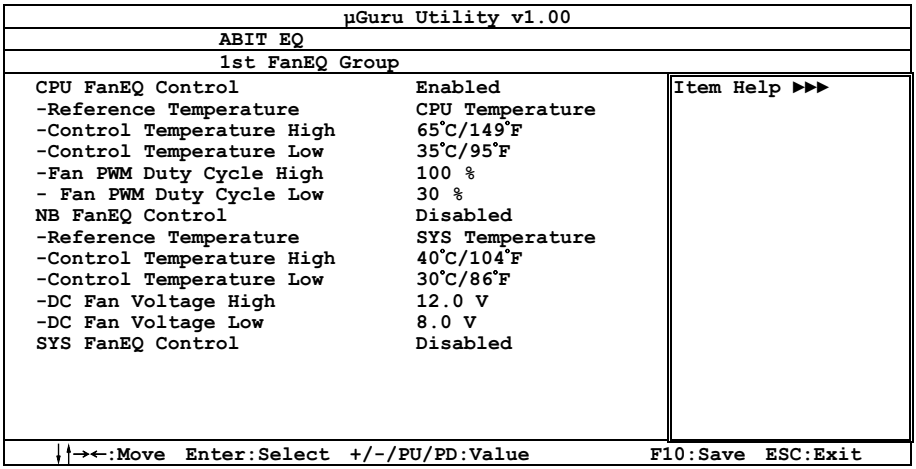
These items set the low limit of fan speed.

## FanEQ Control




## 1st FanEQ Group

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu (1st FanEQ Group):


µGuru Utility v1.00
ABIT EQ
1st FanEQ Group
CPU FanEQ Control Enabled
-Reference Temperature CPU Temperature
-Control Temperature High 65˚C/149˚F
-Control Temperature Low 35˚C/95˚F
-Fan PWM Duty Cycle High 100 %
- Fan PWM Duty Cycle Low 30 %
NB FanEQ Control Disabled
-Reference Temperature SYS Temperature
-Control Temperature High 40˚C/104˚F
-Control Temperature Low 30˚C/86˚F
-DC Fan Voltage High 12.0 V
-DC Fan Voltage Low 8.0 V
SYS FanEQ Control Disabled
Item Help ▶▶▶
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit

**CPU/NB/SYS FanEQ Control**

When set to [Enabled], these items control the CPU, NB, and/or SYS fan speed by the following setting combinations.

- **Reference Temperature**

This item selects the reference point for taking temperature among the available options of CPU, SYS, and PWM Temperature, but there is only one "CPU Temperature" item to choose for the "CPU FanEQ Control".

- **Control Temperature High/Low**

These items set the high and low temperature limit that you want to do the fan speed control.

- **Fan PWM Duty Cycle High/Low**

These items set the high and low limit of PWM duty cycle that you want to provide the fan with.

- **DC Fan Voltage High/Low**

These items set the high and low voltage limit that you want to provide the fan with.

※ **The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.**

## ↳ 2nd FanEQ Group

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu (2nd FanEQ Group):

```
                        µGuru Utility V1.00
                  ABIT EQ
                  2nd FanEQ Group
  AUX1 FanEQ Control              Disabled          Item Help ▶▶▶
  -Reference Temperature          SYS Temperature
  -Control Temperature High       40°C/104°F
  -Control Temperature Low        30°C/86°F
  -DC Fan Voltage High            12.0 V
  -DC Fan Voltage Low             8.0 V
  AUX2 FanEQ Control              Disabled
  AUX3 FanEQ Control              Disabled
    ↑↓→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/PU/PD:Value          F10:Save  ESC:Exit
```

**AUX1~AUX3 FanEQ Control**

When set to [Enabled], these items control the AUX1~AUX3 fan speed by the following setting combinations.

- **Reference Temperature**

This item selects the reference point for taking temperature among the available options of CPU, SYS, and PWM Temperature, but there is only one "CPU Temperature" item to choose for the "CPU FanEQ Control".

- **Control Temperature High/Low**

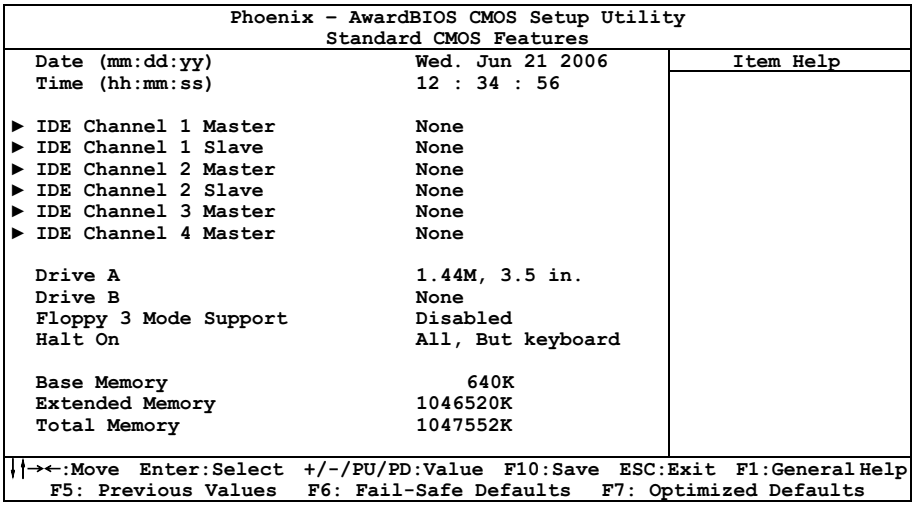
These items set the high and low temperature limit that you want to do the fan speed control.

- **DC Fan Voltage High/Low**

These items set the high and low voltage limit that you want to provide the fan with.

※ **The value of high limit must be set above the one of low limit.**

# 3.2 Standard CMOS Features


Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
Standard CMOS Features
Item Help
Date (mm:dd:yy) Wed. Jun 21 2006
Time (hh:mm:ss) 12 : 34 : 56
▶ IDE Channel 1 Master None
▶ IDE Channel 1 Slave None
▶ IDE Channel 2 Master None
▶ IDE Channel 2 Slave None
▶ IDE Channel 3 Master None
▶ IDE Channel 4 Master None
Drive A 1.44M, 3.5 in.
Drive B None
Floppy 3 Mode Support Disabled
Halt On All, But keyboard
Base Memory 640K
Extended Memory 1046520K
Total Memory 1047552K
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

**Date (mm:dd:yy)**

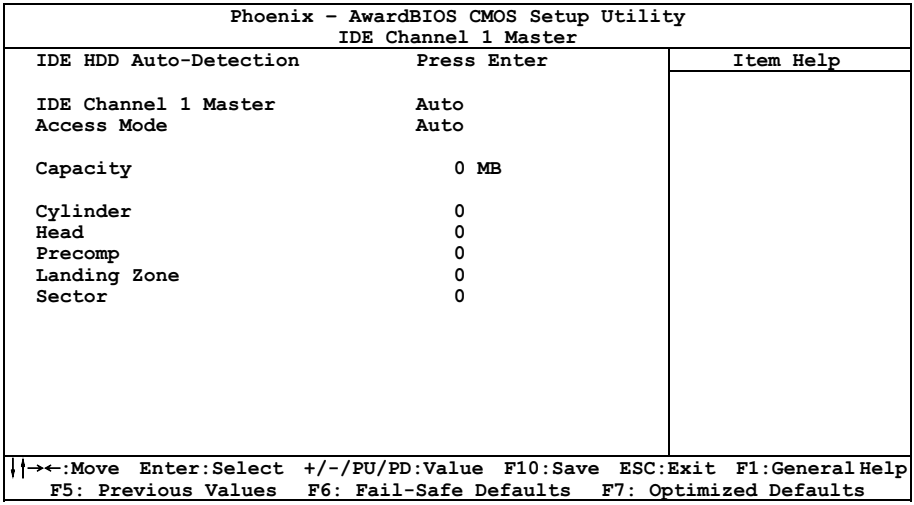
This item sets the date you specify (usually the current date) in the format of [Month], [Date], and [Year].

**Time (hh:mm:ss)**

This item sets the time you specify (usually the current time) in the format of [Hour], [Minute], and [Second].

## IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 3 Master, IDE Channel 4 Master

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:




**IDE HDD Auto-Detection**

This item allows you to detect the parameters of IDE drives by pressing <Enter> key. The parameters will be shown on the screen automatically.

**IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, Extended IDE Drive**

When set to [Auto], the BIOS will automatically check what kind of IDE drive you are using. If you want to define your own drive by yourself, set it to [Manual] and make sure you fully understand the meaning of the parameters. Please refer to the instruction manual provided by the device's manufacturer to get the setting right.

**Access Mode**

This item selects the mode to access your IDE devices. Leave this item at its default [Auto] setting to detect the access mode of your HDD automatically.

**Capacity**

This item displays the approximate capacity of the disk drive. Usually the size is slightly greater than the size of a formatted disk given by a disk-checking program.

**Cylinder**

This item configures the numbers of cylinders.

**Head**

This item configures the numbers of read/write heads.

**Precomp**

This item displays the number of cylinders at which to change the write timing.

**Landing Zone**

This item displays the number of cylinders specified as the landing zone for the read/write heads.

**Sector**

This item configures the numbers of sectors per track.

## ↳ Back to Standard CMOS Features Setup Menu

**Drive A & Drive B**

This item sets the type of floppy drives (usually only Drive A) installed.

**Floppy 3 Mode Support**

This item allows you to use "3 Mode Floppy Drive" in Japanese computer systems by selecting drive A, B, or both. Leave this item at its default [Disabled] setting if you are not using this Japanese standard floppy drive.

**Halt On**

This item determines whether the system stops if an error is detected during system boot-up.

**[All Errors]:** The system-boot will stop whenever the BIOS detect a non-fatal error.

**[No Errors]:** The system-boot will not stop for any error detected.

**[All, But Keyboard]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a keyboard error.

**[All, But Diskette]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette error.

**[All, But Disk/Key]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette or keyboard error.

**Base Memory**

This item displays the amount of base memory installed in the system. The value of the base memory is typically 640K for system with 640K or more memory size installed on the motherboard.

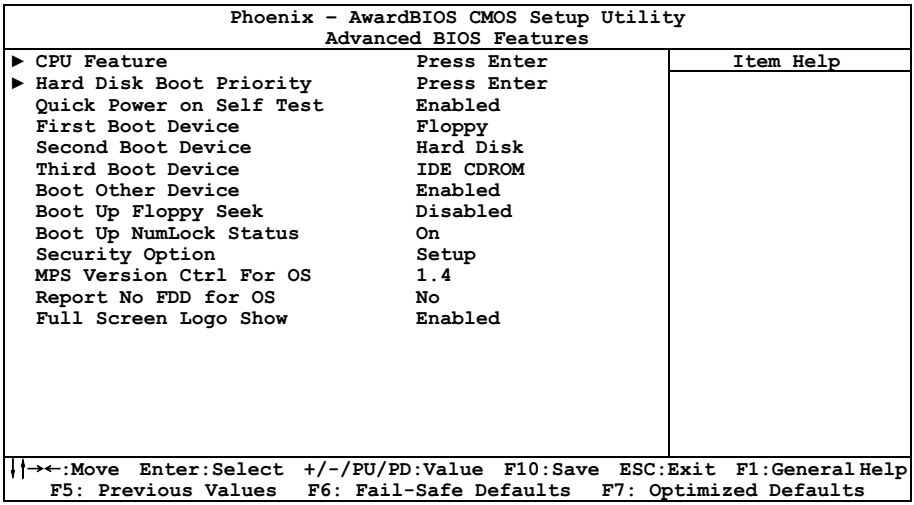
**Extended Memory**

This item displays the amount of extended memory detected during system boot-up.

**Total Memory**

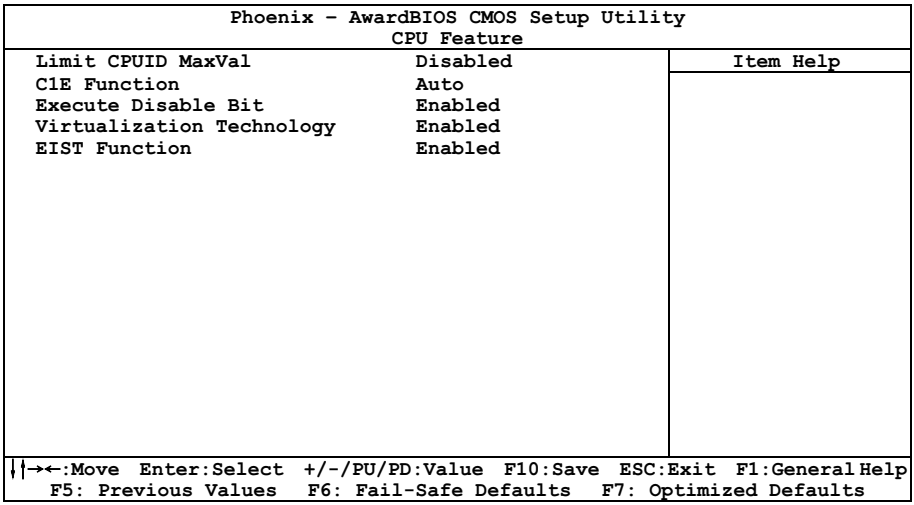
This item displays the total memory available in the system.

# 3.3 Advanced BIOS Features




## CPU Feature

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:




**Limit CPUID MaxVal**

When set to [Enabled], this item limits the CPUID maximum value to 3, which is usually required for older OS like Windows NT4.0.

Leave this item at its default [Disabled] settings for OS like Windows XP.

**C1E Function**

This item appears only for certain processors with the C1E (Enhanced Halt State) Function. When set to [Enabled], the processor will further reduce the total power consumption.

**Execute Disable Bit**

This item appears only for certain processors with the Execute Disable Bit (XD bit) feature. When set to [Enabled], this item allows the processor to prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code and provide memory protection.

**Virtualization Technology**

This option enables or disables the additional hardware capabilities provided by Virtualization Technology.

**EIST Function**

This item appears only for certain processors with the EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology) Function. When set to [Enabled], EIST will dynamically switch between multiple frequency and voltage points to optimize the power and performance balance of the processor and system based on demand.

## ↳ Back to Advanced BIOS Features Setup Menu

**Hard Disk Boot Priority**

This item selects the hard disks booting priority. By pressing <Enter> key, you can enter its submenu where the hard disks detected can be selected for the booting sequence to boot up system.

This item functions only when there is the option of [Hard Disk] in any one of the First/Second/Third Boot Device items.

**Quick Power On Self Test**

When set to [Enabled], this item speeds up the Power On Self Test (POST) after powering on the system. The BIOS shorten or skip some check during the POST.

**First Boot Device / Second Boot Device / Third Boot Device / Boot Other Device**

Select the drive to boot first, second and third in the [First Boot Device], [Second Boot Device], and [Third Boot Device] items respectively. The BIOS will boot the operating system according to the sequence of the drive selected. Set [Boot Other Device] to [Enabled] if you wish to boot from another device other than these three items.

**Boot Up Floppy Seek**

When set to [Enabled], the BIOS will check whether the floppy disk drive is installed or not.

**Boot Up NumLock Status**

This item determines the default state of the numeric keypad at system booting up.

**[On]:** The numeric keypad functions as number keys.

**[Off]:** The numeric keypad functions as arrow keys.

**Security Option**

This item determines when the system will prompt for password - every time the system boots or only when enters the BIOS setup.

**[Setup]:** The password is required only when accessing the BIOS Setup.

**[System]:** The password is required each time the computer boots up.

※ **Don't forget your password. If you forget the password, you will have to open the computer case and clear all information in the CMOS before you can start up the system. But by doing this, you will have to reset all previously set options.**

**MPS Version Ctrl For OS**

This item specifies which version of MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) this motherboard will use. Leave this item at its default setting.

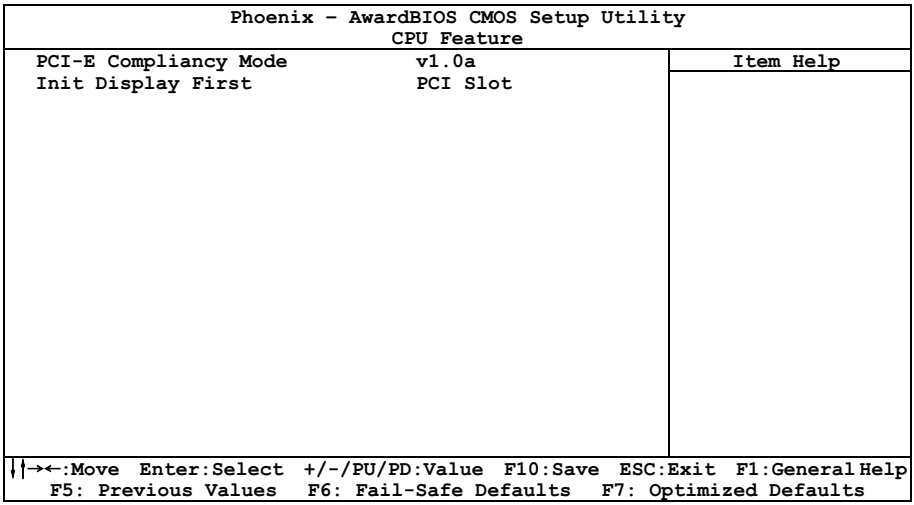
**Report No FDD For OS**

When set to [Yes], this item allows you to run some older operating system without floppy disk drive. Leave this item at its default setting.

**Full Screen LOGO Show**

This item determines if the full screen logo is shown when booting.

# 3.4 Advanced Chipset Features



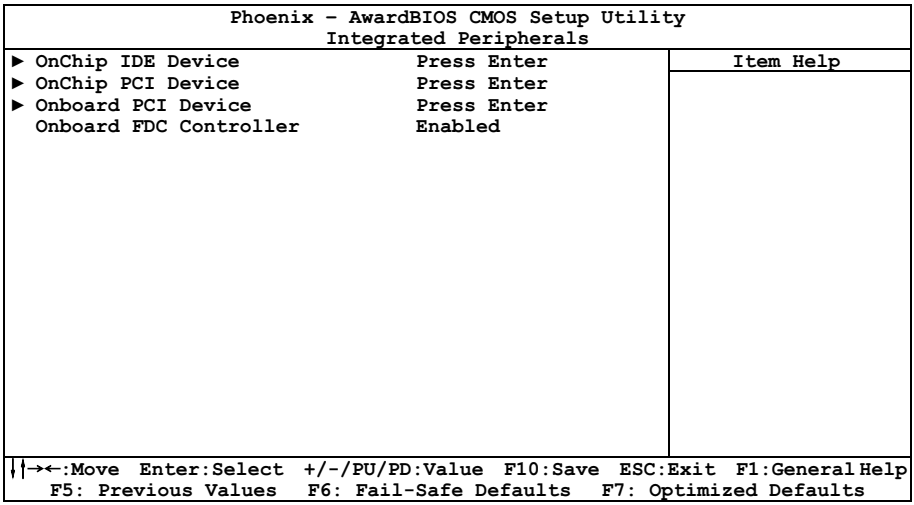

**PCI-E Compliancy Mode**

This item selects the mode for PCI Express add-on card.

**Init Display First**

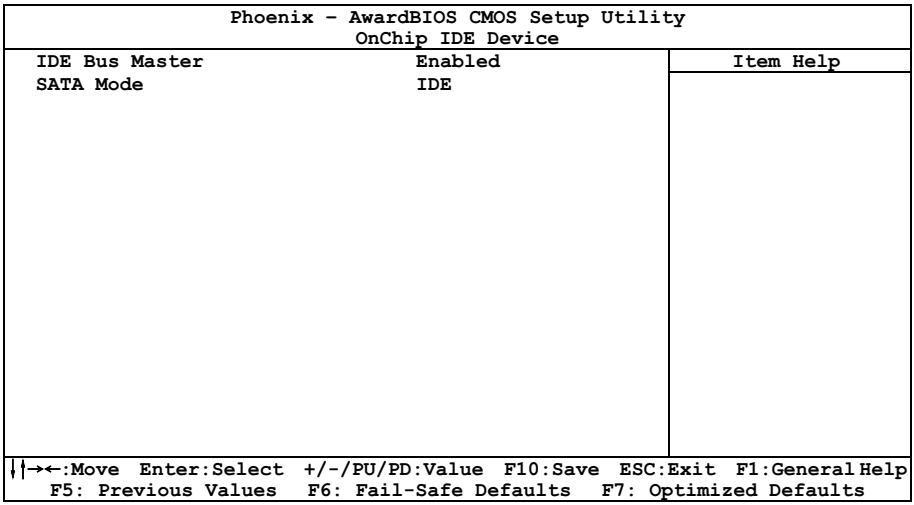
This item allows you to choose the primary display card.

# 3.5 Integrated Peripherals


Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
Integrated Peripherals
▶ OnChip IDE Device Press Enter
▶ OnChip PCI Device Press Enter
▶ Onboard PCI Device Press Enter
Onboard FDC Controller Enabled
Item Help
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

## OnChip IDE Device

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:


Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
OnChip IDE Device
IDE Bus Master Enabled
SATA Mode IDE
Item Help
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

**IDE Bus Master**

This option enables or disables the IDE bus mastering capability under the DOS environment.

**SATA Mode**

This item determines the mode for on-chip Serial ATA.

**[IDE]:** The on-chip Serial ATA served as IDE mode.

**[RAID]:** The on-chip Serial ATA served as RAID mode.

**[AHCI]:** The on-chip Serial ATA served as AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) mode for advanced performance and usability.

## ↳ OnChip PCI Device

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

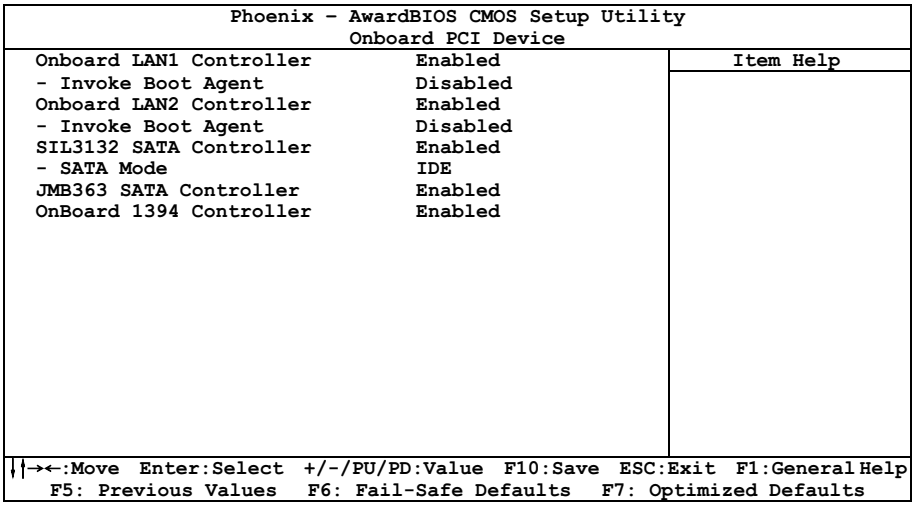
```
                Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
                      OnChip PCI Device
  USB Controller                 Enabled          |  Item Help
  - USB 2.0 Controller           Enabled          |
  - USB Keyboard Support Via     OS               |
  - USB Mouse Support Via        OS               |
  OnChip Audio Controller        Enabled          |
                                                  |
                                                  |
                                                  
```

**OnChip Audio Controller**

This option enables or disables the audio controller.

## ↳ Onboard PCI Device

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:


Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
Onboard PCI Device
Onboard LAN1 Controller Enabled
- Invoke Boot Agent Disabled
Onboard LAN2 Controller Enabled
- Invoke Boot Agent Disabled
SIL3132 SATA Controller Enabled
- SATA Mode IDE
JMB363 SATA Controller Enabled
OnBoard 1394 Controller Enabled
Item Help
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

**Onboard LAN 1 Controller / Onboard LAN 2 Controller *(AB9 Pro)***

This option enables or disables the LAN controller.

**- Invoke Boot Agent**

This item allows you to use the boot ROM (instead of a disk drive) to boot up the system and access the local area network directly.

**SIL3132 SATA Controller**

This item enables or disables the Onboard SATA controller for SATA7 and eSATA1 port.

**- SATA Mode**

This item determines the mode for Onboard Serial ATA.

**[IDE]:** The on-chip Serial ATA served as IDE mode.

**[RAID]:** The on-chip Serial ATA served as RAID mode.

**JMB363 SATA Controller**

This item enables or disables the Onboard SATA controller for SATA8, SATA9 and IDE1 port.

**Onboard 1394 Controller:**

This item enables or disables the IEEE 1394 controller.

# 3.6 Power Management Setup

```
                Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
                      Power Management Setup
  ACPI Suspend Type              S3(Suspend-To-RAM)      Item Help
  - Resume by USB from S3        Enabled
  Power Button Function          Instant-Off
  Wake Up by PME# of PCI         Enabled
  Power On by Ring               Enabled
  Wake Up On LAN                 Enabled
  Resume by Alarm                Disabled
X - Date(of Month) Alarm          0
X - Time(hh:mm:ss) Alarm          0: 0 : 0
  Power On Function              Button Only
X - KB Power ON Password         Enter
X - Hot Key Power ON             Ctrl-F1
  Restore on AC Power Loss       Power Off

↑↓→←:Move  Enter:Select  +/-/PU/PD:Value  F10:Save  ESC:Exit  F1:General Help
   F5: Previous Values   F6: Fail-Safe Defaults   F7: Optimized Defaults
```

**ACPI Suspend Type**

This item selects the type of Suspend mode.

**[S1(PowerOn Suspend)]:** Enables the Power On Suspend function.

**[S3(Suspend-To-RAM)]:** Enables the Suspend to RAM function.

**- Resume by USB From S3**

When set to [Enabled], this item allows you to use a USB device to wake up a system that is in the S3 (STR - Suspend To RAM) state. This item can be configured only if the item "ACPI Suspend Type" is set to [S3(STR)].

**Power Button Function**

This item selects the method of powering off your system:

**[Delay 4 Sec.]:** Pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will power off the system. This will prevent the system from powering off in case you accidentally hit or pushed the power button.

**[Instant-Off]:** Pressing and then releasing the power button at once will immediately power off the system.

**Wake Up by PME# of PCI**

When set to [Enabled], access through the add-on PCI card can remotely wake up the system that was in Soft-Off condition. The PCI card must support the wake up function.

**Power On by Ring:**

When set to [**Enabled**], any event affecting from Modem Ring will awaken a system that has been powered down.

**Wake Up On LAN**

When set to [Enabled], access through the onboard LAN port can remotely wake up the system that was in Soft-Off condition.

**Resume by Alarm**

When set to [**Enabled**], you can set the date and time you would like the Soft-Off PC to power-on in the "**Date (of Month) Alarm**" and "**Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**" items. However, if the system is being accessed by incoming calls or the network (Resume On Ring/LAN) prior to the date and time set in these items, the system will give priority to the incoming calls or network instead.

- **Date (of Month) Alarm**

**[0]:** This option power-on the system everyday according to the time set in the "Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm" item.

**[1-31]:** This option selects a date you would like the system to power-on. The system will power-on on the date set, and the time set in the "Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm" item.

- **Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**

This item sets the time you would like the system to power-on.

**Power On Function**

This item selects the way you want your system to power on.

**[Password]:** Use a password to power on the system, select this option then press <Enter>. Enter your password. You can enter up to 5 characters. Type in exactly the same password to confirm, and then press <Enter>.

**[Hot KEY]:** Use any of the function keys between <F1> to <F12> to power on the system.

**[Mouse Left]:** Double click the mouse left button to power on the system.

**[Mouse Right]:** Double click the mouse right button to power on the system.

**[Any KEY]:** Use any keyboard keys to power on the system.

**[Button Only]:** Use only the power button to power on the system.

**[Keyboard 98]:** Use the power-on button on the "Keyboard 98" compatible keyboard to power on the system.

※ **The mouse wake up function can only be used with the PS/2 mouse, not with the COM port or USB type. Some PS/2 mice cannot wake up the system because of compatible problems. If the specs of your keyboard are too old, it may fail to power on.**

- **KB Power ON Password**

This item sets the password required in order to power on your computer.

※ **Do not forget your password, or you will have to clear the CMOS and reset all parameters in order to utilize this function again.**

- **Hot Key Power ON**

This item powers on the system by pressing <Ctrl> key plus one of each function key (<F1> ~ <F12>) simultaneously.

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**Restore On AC Power Loss**

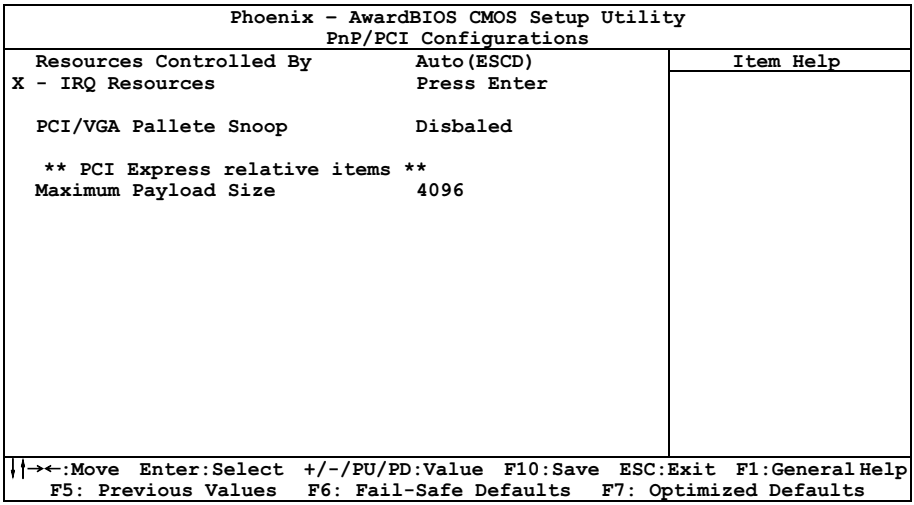
This item selects the system action after an AC power failure.

**[Power Off]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system's power remains off. You must press the Power button to power-on the system.

**[Power On]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system's power will be powered on automatically.

**[Last State]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will return to the state where you left off before power failure occurs. If the system's power is off when AC power failure occurs, it will remain off when power returns. If the system's power is on when AC power failure occurs, the system will power-on when power returns.

# 3.7 PnP/PCI Configurations




**Resources Controlled By**

This item configures all of the boot and Plug-and-Play compatible devices.

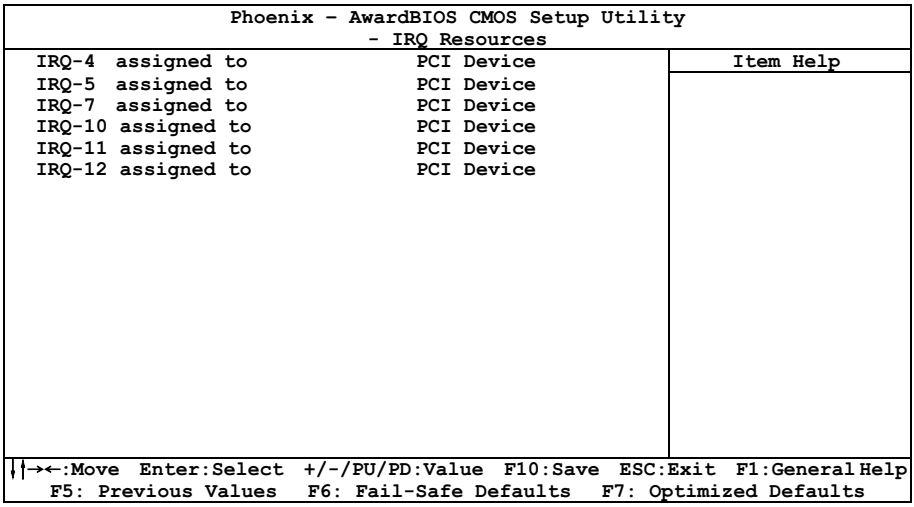
**[Auto(ESCD)]:** The system will automatically detect the settings.

**[Manual]:** Choose the specific IRQ resources in the "IRQ Resources" menu.

**- IRQ Resources**

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

This item sets each system interrupt to either [PCI Device] or [Reserved].


Phoenix – AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
- IRQ Resources
IRQ-4 assigned to PCI Device
IRQ-5 assigned to PCI Device
IRQ-7 assigned to PCI Device
IRQ-10 assigned to PCI Device
IRQ-11 assigned to PCI Device
IRQ-12 assigned to PCI Device
Item Help
↑↓→←:Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

**PCI/VGA Palette Snoop**

This item determines whether the MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards can work with PCI/VGA or not.

**[Enabled]:** MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards work with PCI/VGA.

**[Disabled]:** MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards do not work with PCI/VGA.

**Maximum Payload Size**

This item sets the maximum TLP payload size for the PCI Express devices.

## 3.8 Load Fail-Safe Defaults

This option loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

## 3.9 Load Optimized Defaults

This option loads the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal-performance system operations.

## 3.10 Set Password

This option protects the BIOS configuration or restricts access to the computer itself.

## 3.11 Save & Exit Setup

This option saves your selections and exits the BIOS setup menu.

## 3.12 Exit Without Saving

This option exits the BIOS setup menu without saving any changes.

# 4. Driver & Utility CD

The "Driver & Utility CD" that came packed with this motherboard contains drivers, utilities and software applications required for its basic and advanced features.

Place the "Driver & Utility CD" into the CD-ROM drive in your system. The following installation auto-run screen appears. If not, browse the root directory of the CD-ROM via the File Manager, and double click the "AUTORUN" file.

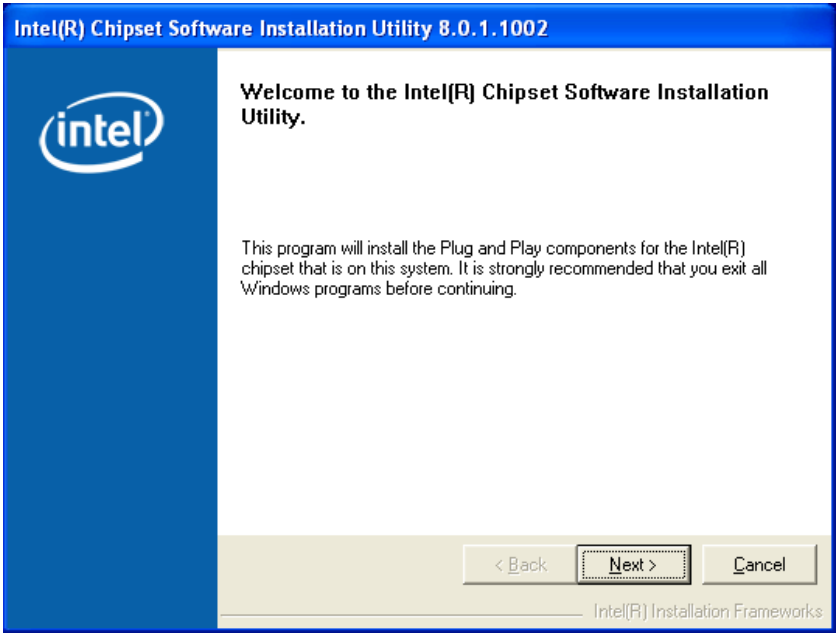
- [**Drivers**]: Click to enter the driver installation menu.
- [**Manual**]: Click to enter the user's manual menu.
- [**Utility**]: Click to enter the utilities installation menu.
- [**ABIT Utility**]: Click to enter the installation menu of utilities exclusively developed by ABIT.
- [ Browse CD **Browse CD**]: Click to browse the contents of this "Driver & Utility CD".
- [ Close **Close**]: Click to exit this installation menu.

# 4.1 Intel Chipset Software Installation Utility

This utility installs Windows [**INF**] files to the target system. These files outline to the operating system how to configure the Intel chipset components in order to ensure all the features function properly.

**To install this utility:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Intel Chipset Software Installation Utility] item. The installation screen appears:


Intel(R) Chipset Software Installation Utility 8.0.1.1002
intel
Welcome to the Intel(R) Chipset Software Installation Utility.
This program will install the Plug and Play components for the Intel(R) chipset that is on this system. It is strongly recommended that you exit all Windows programs before continuing.
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Next >
Cancel
Intel(R) Installation Frameworks

3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

## 4.2 Intel Matrix Storage Technology Driver

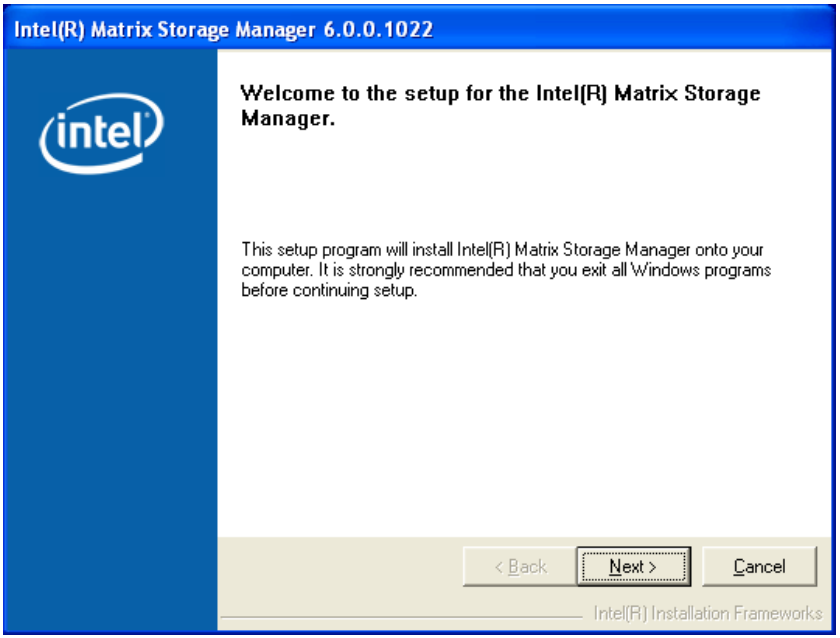
This driver provides functionality for the on-chip SATA Controller.

※ **This driver installation is necessary for connectors SATA1~SATA6 only when after having enabled the RAID function in the BIOS setup menu.**

**The path to enable the RAID function in the BIOS setup menu is : Integrated Peripherals→OnChip IDE Device→SATA Mode→Select "RAID".**

**To install this driver:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Intel Matrix Storage Technology Driver] item. The installation screen appears:


Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager 6.0.0.1022
Welcome to the setup for the Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager.
This setup program will install Intel(R) Matrix Storage Manager onto your computer. It is strongly recommended that you exit all Windows programs before continuing setup.
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Cancel
Intel(R) Installation Frameworks

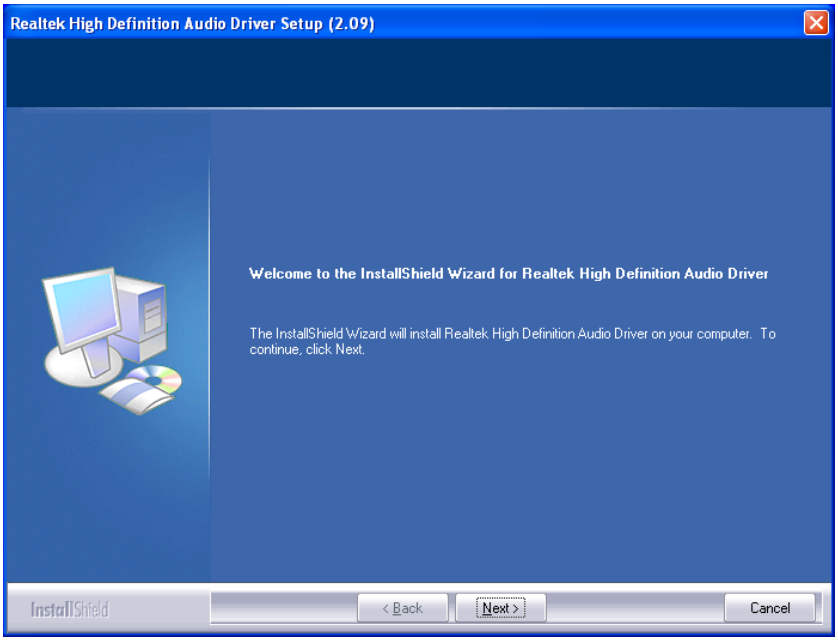
3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

## 4.3 Realtek Audio Driver

This driver provides functionality for the onboard High Definition Audio Codec.

**To install this driver:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Audio Driver] item. The installation screen appears:


Realtek High Definition Audio Driver Setup (2.09)
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for Realtek High Definition Audio Driver
The InstallShield Wizard will install Realtek High Definition Audio Driver on your computer. To continue, click Next.
InstallShield
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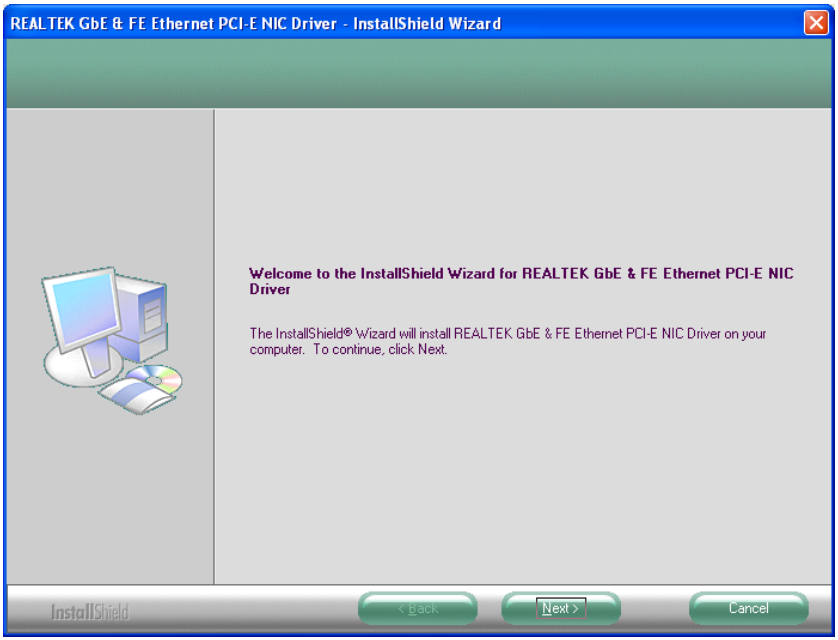
3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

## 4.4 Realtek LAN Driver

This driver provides functionality for the onboard PCIE Gigabit and Fast Ethernet NIC Controller.

**To install this driver:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [LAN Driver] item. The installation screen appears:


REALTEK GbE & FE Ethernet PCI-E NIC Driver - InstallShield Wizard
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for REALTEK GbE & FE Ethernet PCI-E NIC Driver
The InstallShield® Wizard will install REALTEK GbE & FE Ethernet PCI-E NIC Driver on your computer. To continue, click Next.
InstallShield
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Cancel

3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

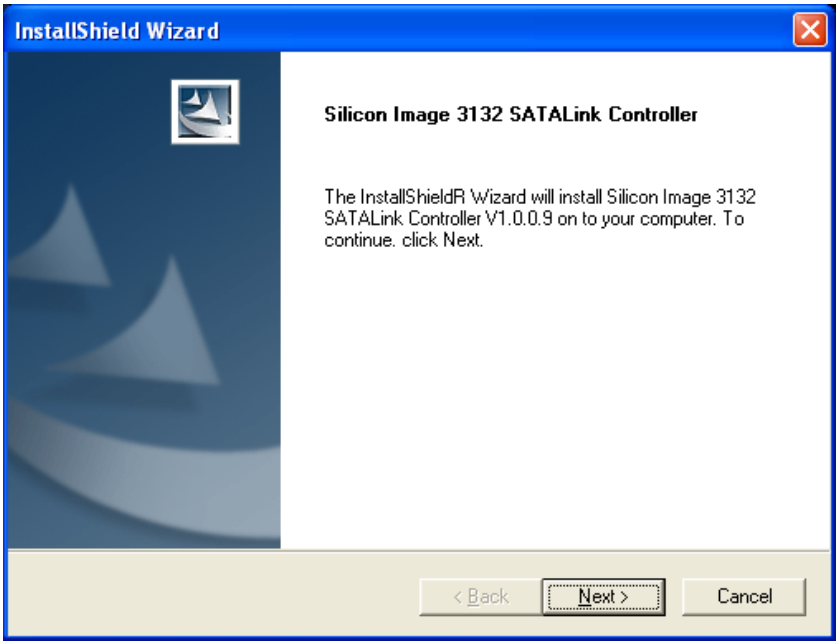
## 4.5 Silicon Image 3132 SATA Driver

This driver provides functionality for the onboard SATA Controller.

※ **This driver installation is necessary for connectors SATA7 and eSATA1.**

**To install this driver:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Sil3132 SATA Driver] item. The installation screen appears:


InstallShield Wizard
Silicon Image 3132 SATALink Controller
The InstallShieldR Wizard will install Silicon Image 3132 SATALink Controller V1.0.0.9 on to your computer. To continue. click Next.
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3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

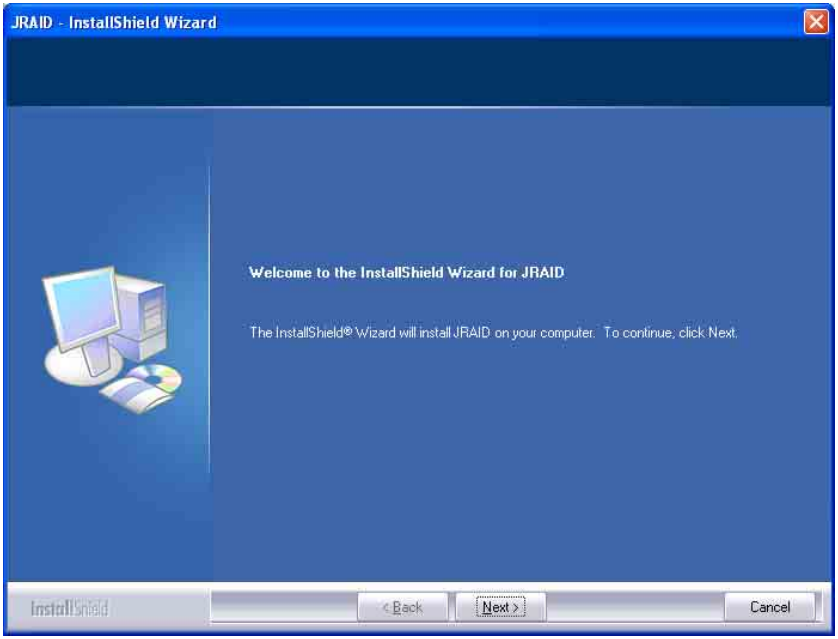
## 4.6 JMicron SATA Driver

This driver provides functionality for the onboard SATA RAID Controller.

※ **This driver installation is necessary for the devices connected through connectors SATA8, SATA9, and IDE1.**

**To install this driver:**

1. Click on the [Drivers] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [JMicron SATA Driver] item. The installation screen appears:


JRAID - InstallShield Wizard
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for JRAID
The InstallShield® Wizard will install JRAID on your computer. To continue, click Next.
InstallShield
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3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

## 4.7 USB 2.0 Driver

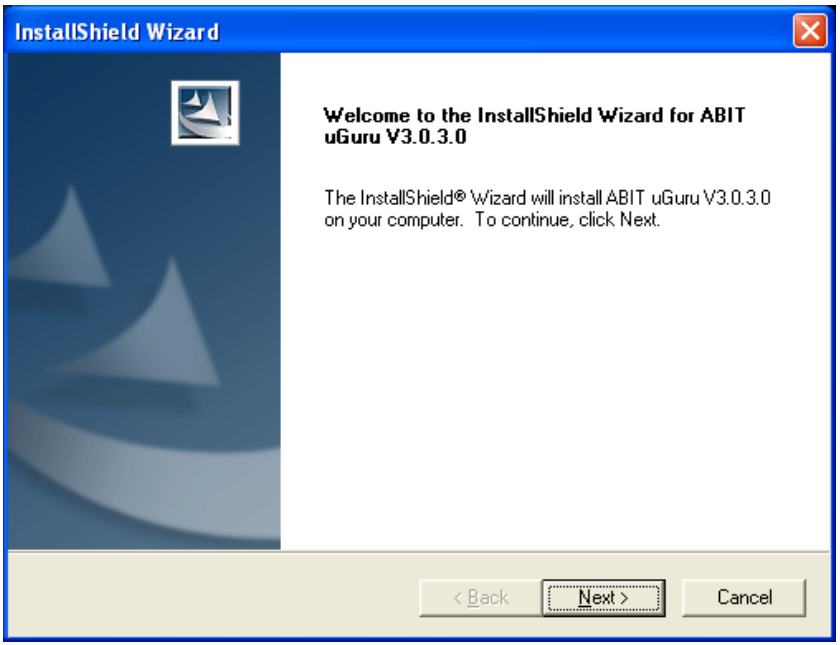
※ **There is no need to install this driver for Windows 2000 with Service Pack 4, Windows XP with Service Pack 1, or their later version.**

## 4.8 ABIT µGuru Utility

The µGuru Utility combined with the optional Guru Clock allows you to access and select system performance of your system while playing games, listening music, browsing Internet or office applications in full screen with no need to stop or close the running application.

**To install this utility:**

1. Click on the [ABIT Utility] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [ABIT Guru] item. The installation screen appears:


InstallShield Wizard
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for ABIT uGuru V3.0.3.0
The InstallShield® Wizard will install ABIT uGuru V3.0.3.0 on your computer. To continue, click Next.
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3. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete installation.
4. Restart the system for the driver to take effect.

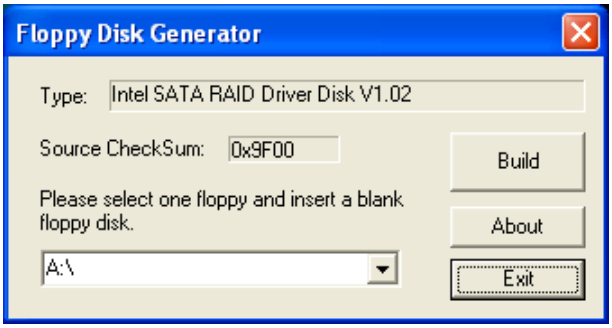
# 4.9 Intel SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker

This procedure is necessary if you want to install operating system to a RAID configuration connected among "SATA1~SATA6" connectors:

1. Prepare a 3.5" floppy disk drive and connect it to "FDC1" connector on this motherboard.
2. Start install operating system.
3. Insert this driver disk into floppy disk drive when the screen instruction prompts you to install a third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
4. Press <F6> key, and then follow the screen instruction to complete the installation.

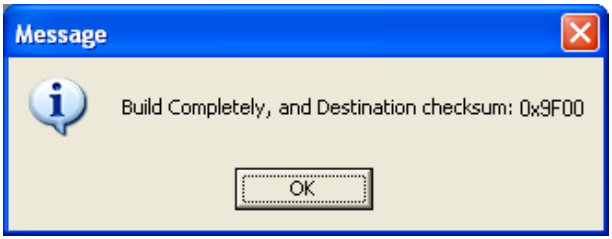
**To create a driver disk:**

1. Click on the [Utility] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Intel SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker] item. The installation screen appears:




Insert one blank floppy disk to the selected floppy drive and click [Build].

3. Click [OK] to finish building the SATA Driver Disk.




4. Click [Exit] to exit the Floppy Disk Generator.

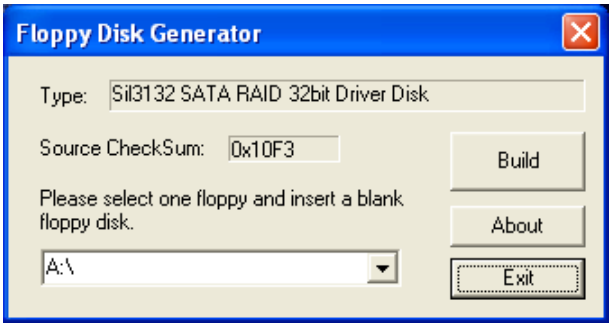
# 4.10 Sil3132 SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker

This procedure is necessary if you want to install operating system to a RAID configuration connected between "SATA7" and "eSATA1" connectors:

1. Prepare a 3.5" floppy disk drive and connect it to "FDC1" connector on this motherboard.
2. Start install operating system.
3. Insert this driver disk into floppy disk drive when the screen instruction prompts you to install a third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
4. Press <F6> key, and then follow the screen instruction to complete the installation.

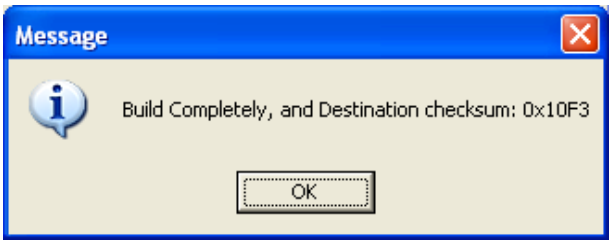
**To create a driver disk:**

1. Click on the [Utility] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [Sil3132 SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker[32bit]] item. The installation screen appears:




Insert one blank floppy disk to the selected floppy drive and click [Build].

3. Click [OK] to finish building the SATA Driver Disk.




4. Click [Exit] to exit the Floppy Disk Generator.

## 4.11 JMicron SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker

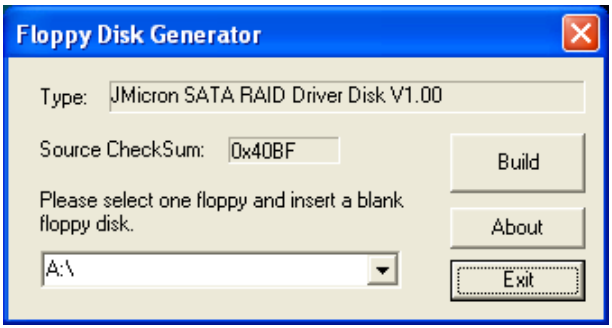
This procedure is necessary if there is access to the devices connected to connectors "SATA8", "SATA9", and "IDE1" during the OS installation:

1. Prepare a 3.5" floppy disk drive and connect it to "FDC1" connector on this motherboard.
2. Start install operating system.
3. Insert this driver disk into floppy disk drive when the screen instruction prompts you to install a third-party SCSI or RAID driver.
4. Press <F6> key, and then follow the screen instruction to complete the installation.

**※ This procedure is particularly necessary when you want to install operating system from a CD-ROM drive connected through connectors "SATA8", "SATA9", or "IDE1".**

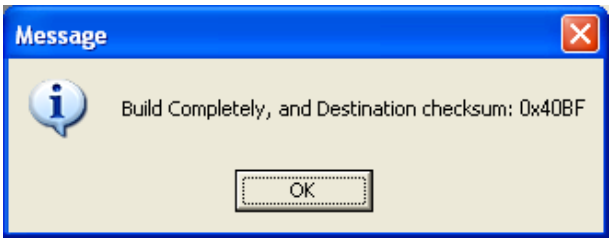
**To create a driver disk:**

1. Click on the [Utility] tab in the installation menu screen.
2. Click the [JMicron SATA RAID Driver Disk Maker] item. The installation screen appears:




Insert one blank floppy disk to the selected floppy drive and click [Build].

3. Click [OK] to finish building the SATA Driver Disk.




4. Click [Exit] to exit the Floppy Disk Generator.

# 5. Appendix

## 5.1 POST Code Definitions

### 5.1.1 AWARD POST Code Definitions

| POST (hex) | Description |
|---|---|
| **CF** | Test CMOS R/W functionality |
| **C0** | Early chipset initialization:<br>-Disable shadow RAM<br>-Disable L2 cache (socket 7 or below)<br>-Program basic chipset registers |
| **C1** | Detect memory<br>-Auto-detection of DRAM size, type and ECC<br>-Auto-detection of L2 cache (socket 7 or below) |
| **C3** | Expand compressed BIOS code to DRAM |
| **C5** | Call chipset hook to copy BIOS back to E000 & F000 shadow RAM |
| **01** | Expand the Xgroup codes locating in physical address 1000:0 |
| **03** | Initial Superio_Early_Init switch |
| **05** | 1. Blank out screen<br>2. Clear CMOS error flag |
| **07** | 1. Clear 8042 interface<br>2. Initialize 8042 self-test |
| **08** | 1. Test special keyboard controller for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips<br>2. Enable keyboard interface |
| **0A** | 1. Disable PS/2 mouse interface (optional)<br>2. Auto detect ports for keyboard & mouse followed by a port & interface swap (optional)<br>3. Reset keyboard for Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips |
| **0E** | Test F000h segment shadow to see whether it is R/W-able or not. If test fails, keep beeping the speaker |
| **10** | Auto detect flash type to load appropriate flash R/W codes into the run time area in F000 for ESCD & DMI support |
| **12** | Use walking 1's algorithm to check out interface in CMOS circuitry. Also set real-time clock power status, and then check for override |
| **14** | Program chipset default values into chipset. Chipset default values are MODBINable by OEM customers |
| **16** | Initial onboard clock generator if Early_Init_Onboard_Generator is defined. See also POST 26. |
| **18** | Detect CPU information including brand, SMI type (Cyrix or Intel) and CPU level (586 or 686) |
| **1B** | Initial interrupts vector table. If no special specified, all H/W interrupts are directed to SPURIOUS_INT_HDLR & S/W interrupts to SPURIOUS_soft_HDLR. |
| **1D** | Initial EARLY_PM_INIT switch |
| **1F** | Load keyboard matrix (notebook platform) |
| **21** | HPM initialization (notebook platform) |
| **23** | 1. Check validity of RTC value: e.g. a value of 5Ah is an invalid value for RTC minute.<br>2. Load CMOS settings into BIOS stack. If CMOS checksum fails, use default value instead. |
| **24** | Prepare BIOS resource map for PCI & PnP use. If ESCD is valid, take into consideration of the ESCD's legacy information. |

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| **25** | Early PCI Initialization:<br>-Enumerate PCI bus number.<br>-Assign memory & I/O resource<br>-Search for a valid VGA device & VGA BIOS, and put it into C000:0 |
| **26** | 1. If Early_Init_Onboard_Generator is not defined Onboard clock generator initialization. Disable respective clock resource to empty PCI & DIMM slots.<br>2. Init onboard PWM<br>3. Init onboard H/W monitor devices |
| **27** | Initialize INT 09 buffer |
| **29** | 1. Program CPU internal MTRR (P6 & PII) for 0-640K memory address.<br>2. Initialize the APIC for Pentium class CPU.<br>3. Program early chipset according to CMOS setup. Example: onboard IDE controller.<br>4. Measure CPU speed. |
| **2B** | Invoke Video BIOS |
| **2D** | 1. Initialize double-byte language font (Optional)<br>2. Put information on screen display, including Award title, CPU type, CPU speed, full screen logo. |
| **33** | Reset keyboard if Early_Reset_KB is defined e.g. Winbond 977 series Super I/O chips. See also POST 63. |
| **35** | Test DMA Channel 0 |
| **37** | Test DMA Channel 1. |
| **39** | Test DMA page registers. |
| **3C** | Test 8254 |
| **3E** | Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 1 |
| **40** | Test 8259 interrupt mask bits for channel 2 |
| **43** | Test 8259 functionality |
| **47** | Initialize EISA slot |
| **49** | 1. Calculate total memory by testing the last double word of each 64K page<br>2. Program writes allocation for AMD K5 CPU |
| **4E** | 1. Program MTRR of M1 CPU<br>2. Initialize L2 cache for P6 class CPU & program CPU with proper cacheable range<br>3. Initialize the APIC for P6 class CPU<br>4. On MP platform, adjust the cacheable range to smaller one in case the cacheable ranges between each CPU are not identical |
| **50** | Initialize USB |
| **52** | Test all memory (clear all extended memory to 0) |
| **53** | Clear password according to H/W jumper (Optional) |
| **55** | Display number of processors (multi-processor platform) |
| **57** | Display PnP logo<br>Early ISA PnP initialization<br>-Assign CSN to every ISA PnP device |
| **59** | Initialize the combined Trend Anti-Virus code |
| **5B** | (Optional Feature) Show message for entering AWDFLASH.EXE from FDD (optional) |
| **5D** | 1. Initialize Init_Onboard_Super_IO<br>2. Initialize Init_Onbaord_AUDIO |
| **60** | Okay to enter Setup utility; i.e. not until this POST stage can users enter the CMOS setup utility |
| **63** | Reset keyboard if Early_Reset_KB is not defined |
| **65** | Initialize PS/2 Mouse |
| **67** | Prepare memory size information for function call: INT 15h ax=E820h |
| **69** | Turn on L2 cache |

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| **6B** | Program chipset registers according to items described in Setup & Auto-configuration table |
| **6D** | 1. Assign resources to all ISA PnP devices<br>2. Auto assign ports to onboard COM ports if the corresponding item in Setup is set to "AUTO" |
| **6F** | 1. Initialize floppy controller<br>2. Set up floppy related fields in 40:hardware |
| **75** | Detect & install all IDE devices: HDD, LS120, ZIP, CDROM … |
| **76** | (Optional Feature)<br>Enter AWDFLASH.EXE if:<br>-AWDFLASH is found in floppy drive<br>-ALT+F2 is pressed |
| **77** | Detect serial ports & parallel ports. |
| **7A** | Detect & install co-processor |
| **7C** | Init HDD write protect |
| **7F** | Switch back to text mode if full screen logo is supported<br>-If errors occur, report errors & wait for keys<br>-If no errors occur or F1 key is pressed to continue: Clear EPA or customization logo |
| **E8POST.ASM starts** | |
| **82** | 1. Call chipset power management hook<br>2. Recover the text font used by EPA logo (not for full screen logo)<br>3. If password is set, ask for password |
| **83** | Save all data in stack back to CMOS |
| **84** | Initialize ISA PnP boot devices |
| **85** | 1. USB final Initialization<br>2. Switch screen back to text mode |
| **87** | NET PC: Build SYSID Structure |
| **89** | 1. Assign IRQs to PCI devices<br>2. Set up ACPI table at top of the memory. |
| **8B** | 1. Invoke all ISA adapter ROMs<br>2. Invoke all PCI ROMs (except VGA) |
| **8D** | 1. Enable/Disable Parity Check according to CMOS setup<br>2. APM Initialization |
| **8F** | Clear noise of IRQs |
| **93** | Read HDD boot sector information for Trend Anti-Virus code |
| **94** | 1. Enable L2 cache<br>2. Program Daylight Saving<br>3. Program boot up speed<br>4. Chipset final initialization.<br>5. Power management final initialization<br>6. Clear screen & display summary table<br>7. Program K6 write allocation<br>8. Program P6 class write combining |
| **95** | Update keyboard LED & typematic rate |
| **96** | 1. Build MP table<br>2. Build & update ESCD<br>3. Set CMOS century to 20h or 19h<br>4. Load CMOS time into DOS timer tick<br>5. Build MSIRQ routing table |
| **FF** | Boot attempt (INT 19h) |

## 5.1.2 AC2005 POST Code Definitions

| POST (hex) | Description |
|---|---|
| **Power On Sequence** | |
| **8.1.** | Start power on sequence |
| **8.2.** | Enable ATX power supply |
| **8.3.** | ATX power supply ready |
| **8.4.** | DDR voltage ready |
| **8.5.** | Setup PWM for CPU core voltage |
| **8.6.** | Assert PWM for CPU core voltage |
| **8.7.** | Check CPU core voltage |
| **8.8.** | CPU core voltage ready |
| **8.9.** | Initial clock generator IC |
| **8.A.** | North Bridge chipset voltage ready |
| **8.B.** | AGP voltage ready |
| **8.C.** | 3VDUAL voltage ready |
| **8.D.** | VDDA 2.5V voltage ready |
| **8.D.** | GMCHVTT voltage ready |
| **8.E.** | Check CPU fan speed |
| **8.F.** | Assert all power ready |
| **9.0.** | Complete µGuru initial process<br>AWARD BIOS take over booting job |
| **Power Off Sequence** | |
| **9.1.** | Start power off sequence |
| **9.2.** | De-Assert all power |
| **9.3.** | De-Assert power on |
| **9.4.** | De-Assert LDT Bus power |
| **9.5.** | De-Assert PWM for CPU core voltage |
| **9.6.** | De-Assert CPU core voltage |
| **9.7.** | Check CPU core voltage |
| **9.8.** | De-Assert ATX power supply |
| **9.9.** | Complete power off sequence |
| **Others** | |
| **F.0.** | Button reset |
| **F.1.** | SoftMenu reset |
| **F.2.** | Power on sequence timeout |
| **F.3.** | Power off sequence timeout |

# 5.2 Troubleshooting (How to Get Technical Support?)

## 5.2.1 Q & A

**Q: Do I need to clear the CMOS before I use a new motherboard to assemble my new computer system?**

A: Yes, we highly recommend that you clear the CMOS before installing a new motherboard. Please move the CMOS jumper from its default 1-2 position to 2-3 for a few seconds, and then back. When you boot up your system for the first time, follow the instructions in the user's manual to load the optimized defaults.

**Q: If my system hangs when I update the BIOS or set the wrong CPU parameters, what should I do?**

A: Whenever you update the BIOS or if the system hangs due to wrong CPU parameters setting, always clear CMOS jumper before booting up again.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up again right after a mechanical power-off?**

A: Please keep a 30-second interval between each mechanical power On/Off.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up and nothing displays on the screen after I did some over-clocking or non-standard settings inside the BIOS?**

A: It should not cause hardware or permanent damage to motherboard when BIOS settings were changed from default to over-clocking or non-standard status.

We suggest the following three troubleshooting methods to discharge CMOS data, recover the hardware default status, and then making the motherboard work again. There is no need to bother returning the motherboard to where you bought it from or go through an RMA process.

**Step 1.** Switch off the power supply unit and then switch it on again after one minute. If there is no power-switch on the power supply unit, disconnect its power cord for one minute and then reconnect.

Press and hold the <Insert> key on the keyboard, and press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, release the <Insert> key and hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to apply the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, repeat the procedures in Step 1 for three times, or try Step 2.

**Step 2.** Switch off the power supply unit or disconnect the power cord. Open the chassis cover. Locate the CCMOS jumper near the button battery. Change the jumper position from default 1-2 to 2-3 for one minute to discharge the CMOS data, and then put it back to default 1-2 position.

Close the chassis and switch on the power supply unit or plug in the power cord. Press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to do the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, try Step 3.

**Step 3.** The same procedure as Step 2, but while discharging the CMOS data, pull out the ATX power connectors from motherboard and remove the button battery during CMOS discharge.

**Q: How to get a quick response for my request on technical support?**

A: Please carry out a simple troubleshooting before sending "**Technical Support Form**":

**System boot-up fails after the system had been assembled:**

Check the motherboard's supporting specifications first to see if all the key components attached in your system can meet.

To do so, you may:

- Remove all the unnecessary add-on devices (except the CPU, VGA card, DRAM, and Power Supply), and then reboot.
- If the trouble still exists, try another VGA card of different brand/model to see if the system will start.
- If the trouble still exists, try another memory module of different brand/model.
- If the trouble still exists, try another CPU and Power Supply.

If the system runs successfully, shut it down and start re-installing the interface cards and devices that were previously installed in the system. Re-install and start the system one at a time until the system won't start.

**Malfunction in the OS:**

If the system hangs after resuming from S3 or some testing program, if the CPU cannot be recognized properly, if the display resolution mixed, or if a certain program cannot be executed, etc, you may:

- Upgrade the motherboard's latest BIOS version.
- Upgrade the add-on device's latest driver version.
- Check if there is any conflict in the "Control Panel/System Properties".

**Q: How to fill in the "Technical Support Form"?**

A: To fill in this "**Technical Support Form**", please refer to the following instructions:

- **Region:** Type in your country name.
- **E-mail:** Type in your contact E-mail information.
- **First name:** Type in your first name.
- **Last name:** Type in your last name.
- **Subject:** Type in the model name and the problem of your motherboard.
  Example 1: AA8XE and SCSI 29160 malfunction
  Example 2: AA8XE boot fails, POST code AF
  Example 3: AA8XE (system hang when S3 resume)
- **Motherboard:** Type in the model name and revision number of your motherboard.
  Example: AA8XE REV: 1.00
- **BIOS Version:** Type in the BIOS version of your motherboard. (You can find it on the screen during the POST sequence.)
- **CPU**: Type in the brand name and the speed (MHz) of your CPU. (Illustrate the over-clocking status if you had done so.)
  Example: Intel 650 3.4GHz (OC FSB=220MHz)
- **Memory brand:** Type in the brand and model name of your memory module.
  Example: Memory brand: Kingston (KVR533D2N4/1G)

- **Memory size:** Type in the size of your memory module.
  Example: 512M* 4PCS
- **Memory configuration:** Type in the memory configuration in BIOS setting.
  Example: Memory Timing: 2.5-3-3-7 @533MHz
- **Graphics information:** Note Graphics card's brand, model and driver version
- **Graphics card:** Type in the brand and model name of your graphics card.
  Example: ATI RADEON X850 XT PE
- **Graphics driver version:** Type in the driver version of your graphics card
  Example: Catalyst 5.12V
- **Power supply maker:** Type in the brand and model name of your power supply unit.
- **Power supply wattage:** Type in the power wattage of your power supply unit.
- **Storage devices:** Type in the brand and specifications of your HDD drive and quantity. Specify if it was inserted on IDE (Master or Slave) or SATA ports, including the RAID allocation status.
  Example 1: WD Caviar WD600 60GB (on IDE2 master), Maxtor DiamondMax 10 SATA 300GB (on SATA 3)
  Example 2: Maxtor DiamondMax 10 SATA 300GB *2 (on SATA 3, SATA 4 RAID 1)
- **Optical devices:** Type in the brand and specifications of your optical drives and quantity. Specify if it was inserted on IDE (Master or Slave) or SATA ports.
- **Other devices:** Indicate which add-on cards or USB devices that you *absolutely sure* are related to the problem. If you cannot identify the problem's origin, indicate all the add-on cards or USB devices inserted on your system.
  Example: AHA 29160 (on PCI 2), Sandisk Cruzer mini 256MB USB Flash-disk.
- **Operating system**: Indicate which OS and language version
  Example: Microsoft Windows XP SP2, English version
  Example: Microsoft Media Center Edition 2005, Korean version
- **Problem description:** Describe the problem of your system configuration. Indicate the steps to duplicate problem if possible.

  See the next page for a blank Technical Support Form, or visit our website to fill in the form on line (http://www.abit.com.tw/page/en/contact/technical.php).

**Q. Is the motherboard dead? Do I need to return it to where I bought from or go through an RMA process?**

A: After you had gone through the troubleshooting procedures, yet the problem still exists, or you find an evident damage on the motherboard. Please contact our RMA center. (http://www2.abit.com.tw/page/en/contact/index.php?pFUN_KEY=18000&pTITLE_IMG)

## 5.2.2 Technical Support Form

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|---|---|
| Region: | |
| E-mail: | |
| First name: | |
| Last Name: | |
| Subject: | |
| Motherboard: | |
| BIOS Version: | |
| CPU: | |
| Memory brand: | |
| Memory size: | |
| Memory configuration: | |
| Graphics card: | |
| Graphics driver version: | |
| Power supply maker: | |
| Power supply wattage: | |
| Storage devices: | |
| Optical devices: | |
| Other devices: | |
| Operating system: | |
| Problem description: | |

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